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# Phew, what a stinker! We reveal what causes that horrid smell

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HUNDREDS of people have been bombarding councils across the county this week over a nasty pong which has tarnished a week of warm sunshine.

The smell has been reported across the county, with complaints from Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Sittingbourne, Ashford, Whitstable, Canterbury, Broadstairs and Shepway.

It has been more noticeable as people fling open their windows and spend evenings outside due to the weather.

And the guilty finger is being pointed at farmers, who have been using manure to fertilise their land.

An Ashford council spokesperson said: "What residents can smell is probably due to the application of farm manures and other organic materials to agricultural land in the area.

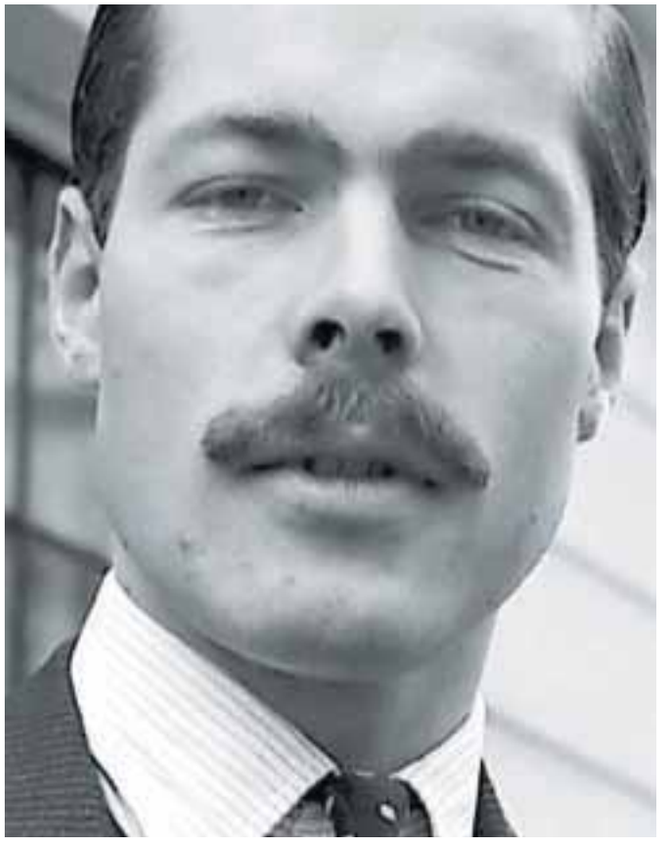
"This activity coincides with the period when arable land is being prepared for sowing crops. It is good practice to cultivate the soil after applying manure and this will help to reduce the smell.

"There is a lot of arable land around the borough and therefore the smell is noticeable in most areas."

In Swale, the council says it is the second time this month the smell has got so bad it has prompted people to complain. It received more than 20 calls two weeks ago when a farm in Borden started spreading manure – but said the pong disappeared once the land was cultivated.

A spokesperson for the authority said: "There has been one other spreading activity which generated a handful of complaints but on investigating, the odour was at a level which was to be

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# WHO HELPED LORD LUCAN?

**HIDDEN:** Mystery prolonged to protect identity of secret supporter **– SEE INSIDE**

HERITAGE

## Return of the fun park glory

THE former glory days of Margate's Dreamland look set to return after council chiefs won the battle for a compulsory purchase order to take over the site.

Hopes are the victory will pave the way for the development of the world's first heritage theme park. **PAGE 7**

ART

## Banksy artist strikes again

GRAFFITI artist Banksy is being given a run for his money by a mysterious local artist creating similar images on the streets of Canterbury.

The latest image features a man in a wheelchair and this time features a tag or signature by the artist, calling himself Stewy. **PAGE 11**

SPORT

## Former Gills player's hopes

GILLINGHAM favourite Terry Cochrane has every hope his former side can steal a win over a Middlesbrough team in transition in the second round of the Capital One Cup on next week.

He said the confidence in Martin Allen's squad could lead them to victory. **PAGE 79**



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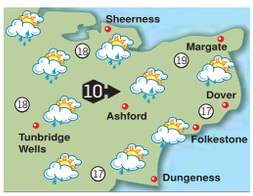
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## Weather




**TODAY:** Sunny, but the odd shower is possible. Moderate westerly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F). **TONIGHT:** Dry with clear periods. Min temp 9-12C (48-54F).

**TODAY'S HIGH TIDE** (Metres)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dover | 06.17 | 5.6 | 19.01 | 5.7 |
| Margate | 07.15 | 4.1 | 19.51 | 4.2 |
| St Mary's | – | – | 12.27 | 4.5 |

**WEEK AHEAD**

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| Monday | Max 20C | Min 14C |
| Tuesday | Max 21C | Min 14C |
| Wednesday | Max 21C | Min 12C |
| Thursday | Max 20C | Min 12C |
| Friday | Max 19C | Min 12C |
| Saturday | Max 20C | Min 12C |

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PONG

# Bad smell expected to blow over as weather deteriorates

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expected considering the activity and the weather.

"We monitored the operation closely, and the farmers/contractors were complying with the code of good agricultural practice."

However, the owner of a cafe in Canterbury – who wished to remain anonymous – said the smell was causing a problem.

She said: "I know it can't be helped, but when the smell warms up it gets really bad. It's putting people off sitting outside and having something to eat.

"With the weather causing us a blow earlier this year, it's ironic that when the sun comes out a smell sends them scurrying away again."

The National Farmers' Union says the use of manure is a vital ingredient in ensuring the soil is at its best for crops, and called on those kicking up a stink about the smell to remember such methods are essential in ensuring the future of the rural economy backbone which so much of the county relies on.

An NFU spokesman explained: "It's a perfectly legitimate activity for farmers to spread manure at this time of year to fertilise fields before the cultivation or sowing of crops.

"This is accepted practice and local authorities recognise the reasons for building soil fertility. It is important to recognise that farmers are producing our food and food for livestock.

"What is offensive to one person may not be to another, but if complaints have been made to a council they will consider factors such as direction of prevailing wind and duration, how often it occurs."

The good news is that the smell isn't likely to last too long, with forecasters predicting wind and rain this week.

Informal advice given to local authorities by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) suggests "manure or similar should be ploughed in within 72 hours of it being spread".

The Environment Agency has an incident hotline number which can be contacted on 0800 80 70 60.

GCSES

# Schools celebrate as tougher grading doesn't stop students from improving

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**WELL DONE:** Head teacher Andy Somers celebrates with pupils at Hartsdown Technology College

THOUSANDS of pupils across the county are celebrating or commiserating this weekend after picking up their GCSE results.

And Kent has bucked the trend by building on its performance from last year, despite the country's results seeing high grades dip for the first time.

Some 60 per cent of students in the county achieved five or more A*-C grades including maths and English compared to 59.4 per cent in 2011.

Marking has been become more stringent this year in response to claims the exams are getting easier – alongside similar changes to the A-level system.

However, there are concerns about the marking of English exams, with figures dropping.

The Association of School and College Leaders' general secretary Brian Lightman said: "The big issue, schools are telling us, is at the C/D borderline in English.

"Standards in schools have not changed one iota. It is the grading that has changed. Students who were working at a C level throughout the year, who were told on their assessments they were in line for a C, have found out today that this is worth a D.

"This means they may not get their places at college and sixth form. It is morally wrong to manipulate exam grades in this way – you are playing with young people's futures."

Kent County Council cabinet member for education, learning and skills has also added his concerns.

Mike Whiting said: "It looks like for the 14th year running that Kent results have increased and I congratulate the young people, teachers and support staff who have helped these students.

"The English marks seem to be coming out a way that you wouldn't normally expect. We're going to look at the data and gather some evidence in the next couple of weeks to see if there are any patterns. It's a pity the 60 per cent figure is marred by this, because the improved figure would otherwise be even higher."

Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs saw a 97 per cent pass rate and 43 per cent of students achieving 5 A*-C passes including English and maths.

One student, Katarzyna Derkacz, bagged top grades despite being unable to speak English when she joined the school in Year 9.

Headteacher Andrew Olsson said: "What is pleasing is that within the bald statistic of 43 per cent A*-C with English and maths lies important facts that demonstrate students have increased their predicted grades over the last year – this shows consistent improvement which is important for our school.

"It is a considerable achievement as it shows almost all our students attain good quality qualifications for their future."

Schools around Kent were celebrating their success, including New Line Learning Academy in Maidstone, which saw a record 84 per cent of students gaining five or more A*-C grades.

Academy head David Elliot said: "With an eight per cent increase from last year, our students have achieved the best results ever, with 39 per cent achieving 5 A*-C, including English and maths.

"This is a true testimony to the hard work of our students, parents and staff. We are immensely proud of their success and really pleased for them all."

The GCSE exam system has been slammed by Michael Gove, who is looking to re-introduce the old O-level system, but schools minister Nick Gibb applauded the students' triumphs.

Mr Gibb said: "Tens of thousands of young people are today reaping the rewards of their hard work over the last two years.

"It is right that we congratulate students and thank the inspirational heads, teachers and support staff who helped them succeed. They can all be proud of their achievements."

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EQUALITY

# Open golf club will remain closed to women members

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THE winds of golfing change that have swept across the prestigious Augusta National Golf Club in the United States don't appear to be heading towards Kent's very own Open venue any time soon.

In a move to shatter years of history, the host course of the Masters will allow women to join the invitation-only club for the first time in its 80-year history.

However, that doesn't look like bringing about any change to Royal St George's – the Open course at Sandwich – which still forbids women from membership.

The club allows ladies to play, and is all set to host the Ladies British Open Amateur Championship in 2014, but looks to continue as a male-only members club at least for the time being.

Club secretary at Royal St George's, Tim Checkitts, said it was entirely down to the members to change the policy: "The members may decide to change it, I couldn't really say.

"We are, by tradition, a male-only club, but ladies play here as guests and visitors and they are welcome here.

"It always has been, it was founded as a male-only golf club."

Kent's two other Open venues, Royal Cinque Ports Club in Deal and Princes', also in Sandwich, both allow female membership.

Augusta has been under criticism for many years for its rule, with activist Martha Burk starting a campaign a decade ago to bring about the change.

She began by writing letters to the chairman Hootie Johnson challenging the membership, but Johnson responded that the change would not be made "at the point of a bayonet".

Burk drew widespread attention to her campaign in 2003 and 2004 with protests to coincide with the Masters.

However, this week the club confirmed women would be able to pull on the prestigious green jackets reserved for members, and invited the former US Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, to become one of the first female members.



**INTERNATIONAL:** Darren Clarke won the Open at Royal St George's Golf Club in 2011

Augusta chairman Billy Payne felt it was a big step forward.

"This is a significant and positive time in our club's history and, on behalf of our membership, I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome them and all of our new members into the Augusta National family," he said.

**■ What do you think? Should golf clubs all allow women as members? Email us at editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or write to: The Editor, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SS.**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Kings Hill consultation

A PUBLIC consultation session for those living in and around Kings Hill takes place next month, providing a chance for residents to meet the development team for the booming site.

Liberty Property Trust will hold the event at the Kings Hill Community Centre on September 6. Two three-hour sessions will take place - 10am-1pm and 5pm-8pm.

A company commissioned to create a series of artworks around the area will also be present.

### TV comic hits the road

HARRY Hill has escaped from the confines of hit TV show TV Burp and is heading back out of the road again, with Tunbridge Wells in his sights.

The comedian, who lived in Staplehurst and now resides in Whitstable, will be joined by his son Gary who will be making his debut solo stand-up appearance during the tour.

He performs at the Assembly Hall Theatre for two shows on February 15 and 16.

Tickets are on sale now.

### Housing scheme move

CONTROVERSIAL plans to create a new mini-town on the outskirts of Ashford have taken a step forward after the consortium behind the Chilmington Green scheme submitted an outline planning application.

The development, if given the go-ahead, will boast 5,750 new homes along with shops and community facilities in what is currently a tiny rural hamlet. A decision is due in the spring.

PARALYMPICS

# Plan your journey as Games excitement takes hold again

WITH fears of travel chaos during the Olympics, it came as a welcome relief when things ran smoothly.

Now commuters are waiting with baited breath to see whether this can be repeated with the Paralympics, which start on Wednesday and run until September 9.

But with the summer holidays over and the full workforce expected back at their desks, things could be a little more difficult.

With a sudden increase in Paralympic ticket sales following the success of the Olympics, train operator Southeastern has announced additional services, accounting for around one million additional seats for spectators and regular passengers travelling to and from London.

The number of people using Southeastern is expected to soar by a fifth and around 50,000 people a day are anticipated to travel on the high speed Javelin trains – a 300 per cent increase.

Service delivery director for Southeastern, Vince Lucas, said: "Following our experience of the numbers of people travelling during the Olympics and the popularity of the Javelin service in particular, we've reviewed our timetable and will now be running more services for the Paralympics.



"We'll be providing more early morning and late night Javelin services to and from the Olympic Park over and above our planned Paralympic timetable.

"We're also strengthening our metro services for spectators travelling to events at Greenwich Park, with extra weekend services and longer trains.

"Our plans and preparation worked well during the Olympic Games. We had around 1,000 extra staff on-hand at stations and engineering crews on standby to respond to issues quickly. We will have the same structure in place for the Paralympics.

Some roads in the county look set for disruption with closures during the road race and time trial cycling event at Brands Hatch, some of which will be taking place on roads around the circuit in Longfield.

From September 3-8 three miles of road will be closed.

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EXCLUSIVE

# Has Lord Lucan's secret been kept to hide identity of mystery helper?

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A MYSTERIOUS figure, at risk of being implicated in protecting the notorious Lord Lucan as he fled justice nearly 40 years ago, could be the key to unlocking the truth behind one of Britain's most infamous murder cases.

In the latest twist to a mystery which has gripped the nation, Shirley Robey this weekend elaborates on claims made earlier this year that Kent wildlife park owner John Aspinall instructed her to organise a trip for Lucan's children to be flown to Africa in 1980 for Lucan to see them from afar.

But she says she was left stunned when both Lucan's wife and son, George Bingham, strenuously denied the claims of the visit to the Gabon when George was 13.

She insists to this newspaper the trip took place but that the involvement of a key figure in the plans has meant several important details remain unpublished due to the legal ramifications. What's more, she says Lucan could still be alive.

Now living in France, Ms Robey worked as a secretary at a casino run by Mr Aspinall and Sir James Goldsmith. The men were close pals of Lucan, who was nicknamed Lucky for his devotion to gambling.

In a rebuke to sceptics who questioned her earlier story, the 56-year-old said there was further information she wanted to disclose which would back her claims, but that she had been forced to remain tight-lipped due to potential legal repercussions.

Ms Robey first spoke out in February in an anonymous BBC interview. She said she had twice booked Lucan's children to go to Gabon while in Mr Aspinall's casino.

Mr Aspinall, who started a gorilla rescue and rehabilitation project in Gabon, was a close friend of the peer, who disappeared after the murder of his children's nanny Sandra Rivett at the family home in Belgravia in November 1974.

He was found guilty of her murder in his absence. It is believed he told friends he discovered a man at his wife's house and intervened, but feared his estranged wife would implicate him, so fled.

His car was later found abandoned in Newhaven and it was believed the peer had died falling off a ship in the Channel.

But since then a theory developed he had fled to Africa – with a number of unconfirmed sightings reported.

Ms Robey said she had been privy to information regarding Lucan's whereabouts during discussions between Mr Aspinall and James Goldsmith.

"I'd known nothing about the case. I was 18 and I didn't read newspapers," she said. "I started to hear his name mentioned, but there were a lot of people with titles in the casino. I was nervous of asking too many questions but I asked what had he done.

"I was told he'd got into some awful trouble and had to flee the country. I thought it had something to do with money."

She spoke to Mr Aspinall again in 1991, when he insisted Lucan was innocent.

Publically, the casino owner said he believed his friend was guilty and had killed himself.

Ms Robey added: "Mr Aspinall said if he continued to say publically Lord Lucan was guilty and died on a ship then it meant Lord Lucan was still alive. It meant everyone who had been involved knew.

"Just before he died in 2000, Mr Aspinall did a newspaper interview and said he believed Lord Lucan was a murderer and had killed himself. I was told as long as he was saying this it meant Lord Lucan was alive. So as far as I know he was still alive then."



**GUILTY:** In his absence Lord Lucan was tried and found guilty of murder of his children's nanny

Asked why she decided to speak out, she said she had seen George Bingham in a documentary in which he proclaimed his father's innocence, but in which he added: "If he was any kind of father, why didn't he contact us?"

Ms Robey said: "It was really spontaneous. I knew he (Lucan) did. If he (George) was my son I'd want to tell him.

"I wanted to tell him what I knew in the hope it might help him to understand better what had happened to his father."

She admitted speaking out publically had been "somewhat naïve" and had sparked some backlash from sceptics.

"His apparent response in denying that he went to Africa at that time took me by complete surprise," she said.

"I cannot speculate why, but assume he must have his own reasons for responding thus.

"I know arrangements were made and am as sure as I could possibly be that he and his sister went and that Lord Lucan observed them from a distance.

"I had further information that I wanted to impart to them, but I see no point in that course of action now."

Ms Robey said efforts to contact the Binghams' privately had failed.

Lucan's wife has denied the claims and all members of his family say they remain convinced he is dead.

If Lord Lucan is still alive he will now be 78.

ANIMAL RESCUE

## Stowaway travelled 2,000 miles in suitcase

WHEN Siobhan Keleher returned home from a sunny holiday on a beautiful Greek island she began the dreaded chore of unpacking.

But she received a shock when she saw a tiny gecko had made his way back to Ashford with her.



Incredibly, the Mediterranean House Gecko had survived the 2,000 mile journey from Thassos to Ashford, despite facing 24 hours in the case and freezing temperatures on the plane. The holidaymaker called South East Exotic Pet Rescue who identified the lizard and took him in.

Matt Lacey, who runs the rescue, said: "Reptile stowaways are quite common, although not many get through their ordeal alive, let alone in such good health. As soon as he arrived with us he was feeding well – and we will be monitoring his health and providing the environment he needs to survive.

"Others we have heard about or dealt with include a tortoise, scorpions, lizards and frogs. Anyone who finds a stowaway should call us to ensure quarantine and health needs are met."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### RIP Tony Nicklinson

TRIBUTES have flooded in this week for Tony Nicklinson, the former Cranbrook rugby player whose battle to be allowed to die after suffering from locked-in-syndrome ended with his death on Wednesday.

Mr Nicklinson, 58, who had moved to Wiltshire, said he had been in a "living nightmare" after suffering a stroke in 2005 and losing a High Court battle last week to be allowed to die. He had been suffering from pneumonia.

### High cost of bank bags

A BANK cashier has won £19,000 in compensation after lifting bags of coins left her with an injured back and unable to work.

Mary Deller, 26, from Folkestone, had worked in Cheriton's branch of NatWest but was left in pain after lifting bags of coins, each containing around £500 worth for £1 coins. She claimed she was given no health and safety training and has been off work since October 2010.

A spinal surgeon diagnosed two bulging disks.

### Kaiser Chiefs head in

ROCK band the Kaiser Chiefs are the latest big name to be confirmed at Margate's Winter Gardens.

Tickets for the show, which takes place on February 26 next year, go on sale at 9am this Wednesday.

The band, who have hit the top of both the album and singles chart, are best known for their songs I Predict A Riot and Ruby.

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REGENERATION

# Council receives go-ahead to transport Dreamland site back to its former glory

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FOR years it has stood derelict, a once vibrant seaside tourist hot spot which thrilled generations for decades before falling into disrepair and finding itself at the centre of political squabbles.

But hopes the Dreamland site at Margate could be about to return to prosperity took a step forward this week after government chiefs rubber-stamped a compulsory purchase order (CPO) to be served on the land.

It means Thanet District Council and partner the Dreamland Trust can now push ahead with plans to buy the site from its current owners and progress an ambitious multi-million pound plan to turn it into a heritage amusement park.

As part of a long-running saga over the piece of prime land – which town chiefs see as a crucial part of the jigsaw to breathe new life into Margate and act, alongside the Turner Contemporary, as a key driver for the local economy – Thanet council had initially pushed for the CPO last summer.

By securing the site it would trigger access to millions of pounds of funding and grants.

But the owners of the site, DreamlandLive, said it had its own plans – which included housing – and had opposed the proposals. It went to a public inquiry at the beginning of this year.



**ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR:** Government chiefs have given the green light for Thanet council to purchase Dreamland and turn it in to a heritage amusement park (above)

Now, however, the secretary of state for communities and local government has given the council the green light to buy the site.

Once the land is secured, a £10 million funding package will be opened up to deliver the project of creating a "living, breathing, multi-sensory environment telling Dreamland's rich history story using art, design, music and architecture to describe Britain's amusement park heritage".

Sizeable chunks of funding will come from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Department of Culture, Media and Sport's Sea Change programme and Thanet council.

Plans include restoring the listed Scenic Railway, damaged by a fire in 2008, to full working order, repairing the cinema building and the construction of an exhibition area and community space.

The amusement park closed in 2002 and despite a number of temporary funfairs, the site has remained derelict ever since.

Clive Hart, leader of Thanet council, said: "This is a key step to unlocking the regeneration of the Dreamland site. It is such an important asset for Thanet, and for thousands outside of the area, so we've always been clear that doing nothing is simply not acceptable."

Chairman of the Dreamland Trust, Nick Laister, added: "With our funding in place and our plans drawn up, this news is hopefully the final major hurdle that we will have to cross."

Current owner of the site DreamlandLive has stated its disappointment at the news, insisting the site needs to incorporate housing to remain sustainable.

A spokeswoman for the firm, which was previously called Margate Town Centre Regeneration Company, said: "We remain convinced the only viable, sustainable way forward for the Dreamland site is the right mix of entertainment space funded by much needed quality housing.

"We will be assessing the report with our legal team and responding more fully in due course."

CRIME

## DNA snares cash robber

A 32-year-old from East Peckham is this week starting a prison sentence after pleading guilty to robbery when DNA linked him to the scene.

Andrew Rapo, of Pattenden Gardens, was sentenced to three years and four months following a break-in at his ex-employers in Aylesford where a security guard was assaulted and £26,500 pinched.

PROTEST

## Big crowd for gay protest

MORE than 100 people joined a protest against homophobic abuse in the centre of Tonbridge this week.

The event was organised after teenagers Reece Heron, 18, and Simon Bennett, 19, complained they were subjected to people yelling, spitting and threatening them when they walked hand-in-hand. Protestors walked from the High Street to the castle.



POLITICS

# Parish youth councils give young a chance to be heard

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YOUNG people are being given the chance to have their voices heard through the creation of a new parish youth council.

If a success, it could kick-start a new generation of community youth councils to relay the frustrations and hopes of youngsters to those in power in Kent.

While the county already has the Kent Youth County Council (KYCC) as well as a number of others at a district level, including one in Dartford, Herne and Broomfield parish councillor John Nicholson – who came up with this latest scheme – said there is not much at a community or village level.

"I'm trying to give young people in my parish a voice," he said.

"They can take their concerns to the parish council which can in turn take the issues on further.

"It makes it more accessible."

Cllr Nicholson has been working with the British Youth Council on his plan for Herne and Broomfield in Canterbury and a group of young people has been formed.

"In the future, I'm hoping members will be elected by other young people and this idea could stretch out across Kent," he said.



**A VOICE:** Hopes are the parish youth councils could eventually cover Kent

"It's important they have a voice. They are often given a bad reputation and that's wrong; there are so many bright, talented and ambitious young people out there who want to make a difference where they live."

Cllr Nicholson said a youth forum website is being created for Herne and Broomfield and meetings are being organised, with the next on September 15. Members are aged 11-18.

He said: "I grew up in a poor part of south east London with my family, then my dad committed suicide, we didn't have very much, but what we did have was a real sense of community, something that I think is missing from many parishes today.

"I want to get that back and I think a way of doing that is engaging young people to take an interest and get involved. Young people don't always want to speak to adults about how they are feeling and so this is a way for them to have a say.

"The youth forum can then take those issues to the parish council."

He admitted some youngsters may not be interested, but already a number had come forward wanting to join.

"I've been working on this for a year and I'm hoping it will be properly up and running in the next six months," he added.

The county's youth council, KYCC, already boasts a number of successes including the Kent-wide Freedom Pass – a bus pass for young people – and is currently pushing for a "things to do" discount card allowing young people to get into places for free or at a cheap price.

Cllr Nicholson said he hoped parish youth councils would add to the young voice of Kent.



**JUMP TO IT:** The Stonehenge bouncy castle will be part of Whitstable Biennale

EVENT

# Monument to having fun

**THE seaside town of Whitstable has a host of attractions to help it pull in the crowds.**

**But next month it gets perhaps its strangest yet – an inflatable version of Stonehenge.**

**Sacrilege is a life-size inflatable replica of the Wiltshire monument, created by Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, which also doubles up as a bouncy castle.**

**It has been entertaining thousands during the London Festival as part of the Olympic celebrations in Hyde Park. But it will be heading to the the north Kent town as part of the Whitstable Biennale on September 5.**

**Mr Deller said: "A lot of my work deals with history, and Sacrilege is no exception; this is a way to get reacquainted with ancient Britain with your shoes off."**

**With the backing of the Arts Council, the bouncy artwork will then head off around the UK appearing at 30 different festivals and locations.**

**Sue Jones, director of the Whitstable Biennale 2012, said: "Jeremy Deller is one of the UK's most important artists and Whitstable Biennale is delighted that Sacrilege is coming here."**

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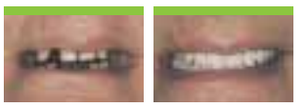
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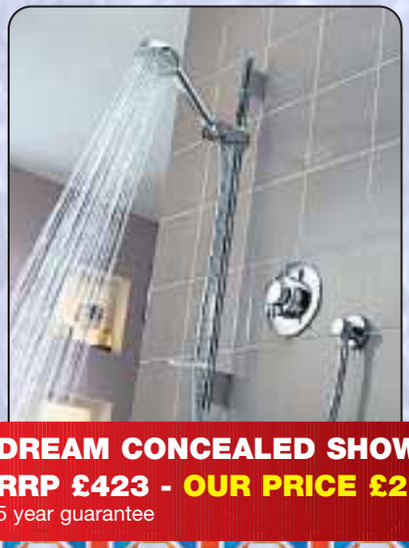
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EXHIBITION



LEGENDARY singer-songwriter Bob Dylan has a new limited edition set of art prints on display at Bluewater this month - their first public showing.

The star, who headlined the Hop Farm Festival at Paddock Wood earlier this year, has enhanced a number of drawings he created while touring between 1989 and 1992. They now form the basis of The Drawn Blank Series, on display at the Castle Art Gallery at the shopping complex in Greenhithe.

All of the prints are signed by the performer.

Peter Gilby, manager at Kent's Castle Galleries, said: "His choice and skill in applying different colour arrangements to the same original drawing encapsulates Dylan's unique way of expressing his feelings as well as his different emotions and perceptions of an idea or view – continually evoking different feelings and reactions, and thereby breathing a newfound freshness and meaning into each of the works of art.

"This technique is intrinsic to Dylan in all aspects of his







**STRIKING GRAFFITI:** The latest image to appear is of a man in a wheelchair and bears the tag of Stewy

ART

# The graffiti's on the wall as Banksy copycat targets city

**by Joe Bill**
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GRAFFITI artist Banksy has developed a worldwide reputation for his stencilled art works on urban landscapes – and it seems imitation is the sincerest form of flattery on the streets of Canterbury.

Images in the characteristic style of the famous yet mysterious artist have sprung up across the city centre – with the most recent featuring, for the first time, a clue to the artist's identity.

The latest image features a man in a wheelchair – subsequently identified by eagle-eyed viewers as Robert Wyatt, lead singer of psychedelic rock group Soft Machine, and a key mover in the Canterbury scene which sprang up during the late 60s and early 70s.

The art has popped up on a wall in Dover Street behind the Odeon cinema and becomes the third piece to have been spotted in Canterbury in the last few months.

However, this time there is a tag or signature by the artist, who is calling himself Stewy.

It would appear to be from the same imagination as recent creations, which include a suited man juggling bananas on a wall in the level crossing underpass near Canterbury West station as well as another suited man juggling a rainbow on a wall of the Sainsbury's cut through alleyway in Northgate.

But, like Banksy, the identity of the artist remains a secret.

■ **Do you know who he is? Email joe.bill@archant.co.uk.**


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## News

CRIME

# Police hunting man wanted in train sex attack

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DETECTIVES have released CCTV images of a man they want to speak to after a woman was sexually assaulted on a train between Sitingbourne and Rainham.

The victim, a 46-year-old woman from Longfield, was approached just after 8pm on Wednesday, May 3, by a man who had boarded the train at Sittingbourne.

The man, who appeared to have been drinking heavily, tried to start a conversation with the woman before attempting to kiss her.

When the shocked victim pulled away he touched her indecently before getting off the train at Rainham.

The victim continued on the train to Longfield and reported it to staff, who alerted police.

Detective Constable Bob Gee, investigating the assault, said: "Although incidents like this are rare on the rail network, this was clearly a very frightening and upsetting ordeal for the victim.

"Following our appeal I'd like to thank the public for their overwhelming response.

"We received a lot of vital information, which greatly assisted our investigation and have now arrested a man in connection with the incident."

Anyone with information should call BTP on 0800 40 50 40 quoting reference B9/LSA of 21/08/12.

• A 30-year-old man from Sittingbourne came forward following the appeal and was arrested by British Transport Police on suspicion of sexual assault. He has been bailed pending further enquiries until Thursday, September 20.



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AGRICULTURE

# Field of dreams awaits as ploughmen are eager to demonstrate their skills

**By Dean Kilpatrick**
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AS MEMORIES of the Olympic Games start to fade, the race begins to see who is, quite literally, the best in their field as one of the county's traditional pastimes get into full swing.

Thousands of spectators are set to visit three of the biggest ploughing matches in the county over the coming weeks, as traditional methods take centre stage in a bid to see who can plough the neatest plot of land.

The contests have been a familiar site across Kent for centuries.

The art may have declined in recent decades but it now appears to be enjoying something of a revival.

The Swale Ploughing Association (SPA) has seen more than 50 entries to its match this year, and the secretary of the group says the pastime is regaining its appeal.

Jim Rogers said: "It's very popular. I'm an ex-ploughman myself and I got to national level – there are world championships too.

"The art is in keeping the plough straight and keeping the land all neat and tidy."

Each ploughman will have to attend to a 20x100 metre plot of land, and will be marked on the firmness, uniformity and the finish of their ploughing work. Once the winners of each round are announced, triumphant participants will take part in a plough-off, which will see the champion crowned.



**BEST IN THEIR FIELD:** Competitors use a number of ancient and modern methods

The SPA match will take place on Saturday, September 8, at Greenway Court Farm in Hollingbourne.

Those who qualify through the regional heats will take part in national championships.

Chairman of Weald of Kent Ploughing Match Association (WKPMA) James Forknall said: "There is a sort of romanticism about this kind of farming. I think a lot of the ploughmen don't plough any more because it has become an expensive kind of farming.

"So for the old guys, who like ploughing and looking after their tractors and their old machines, it's the only chance for them to plough."

The WKPMA are holding their ploughing match the following Saturday, on September 15, at August Pitts Farm in Horsmonden and will incorporate family fun day events such as clay pigeon shooting, a farmers market and stalls.

Mr Forknall added: "It started in 1946 and has been going ever since. It brings in 2-3,000 people, for a one day show, that's pretty good."

More than a dozen different classes of competition are held, including conventional, reversible modern, vintage tractors and crowd-pleasing traditional horse-drawn ploughs.

Society of Ploughmen executive director Ken Chappell, who organises the countrywide competition, said: "It's getting more and more expensive for people to maintain mechanical ploughs, so people are doing it themselves manually.

"We're getting more and more entries year-on-year. It's not a race, but it is a set time so there's no loitering."

The ploughing season traditionally runs between September and March.

A ploughing match will also take place in east Kent at Wallet's Court Farm in St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, near Dover, on Wednesday, September 26.



HISTORY

# Mystery of 'ship beneath the floor' is finally solved

SHE was a key part of the fleet which allowed Britain to rule the waves during the 18th century, and when her remains were found in 1995 it was described by experts as "the single most important warship discovery in Northern Europe since that of the Mary Rose".

And now the identity of "the ship beneath the floor" at Chatham Historic Dockyard has been confirmed, thrilling enthusiasts.

Remains of the Namur, which was built in Chatham and launched in 1756, were recycled after she was broken up to form part of the flooring at the dockyard.

She was first discovered 17 years ago beneath the Wheelwright's Shop, with her markings sparking huge interest from historians. They spent years researching and examining the wood in a bid to trace the craft it came from.

After almost a century hidden beneath the floor, she will now once again shine as the centrepiece of a multi-million pound exhibition called the Command of the Oceans.

During her 47 years in active service, the Namur played a key role in Britain's domination of the seas, and took part in battles including the American War of Independence and the Seven Years' War. She was also in action during the Great French Wars and was at Trafalgar.



**RECYCLED:** Namur took part in a number of key battles

The ship had a famous crew too. Charles Austen, brother of author Jane Austen, served as her captain between November 1811 and November 1814, when she was stationed at the Nore Anchorage off Sheerness as flagship of Sir Thomas Williams.

But after serving the country, the boat continued to live on – albeit in a very different guise.

Explains Gail James at the dockyard: "Back in those days ships were broken up at the end of their lives and the timbers would frequently be recycled. In this case they were used as floorboards.

"The Namur was built and broken up at Chatham. When it was discovered so many timbers in the flooring were from the same vessel it became apparent this must be a boat of some significance."

Command of the Oceans is a new £8.5m project, that has recently secured initial Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) support, it will tell the story of Chatham Dockyard and its role in supporting British naval supremacy at sea – through the design and construction of the Royal Navy's finest ships of the line.

It has applied for £4.5m in lottery cash towards the total.

Stuart McLeod, head of the Heritage Lottery Fund South East, said: "We're delighted to be giving our initial support for the Command of the Oceans project, which will dramatically improve the visitor experience at Chatham and reveal 'the ship beneath the floor' – exploring this important archaeological find for the first time."



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After the patriotic fervour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the huge success of the London 2012 Olympic Games, a popular tourist spot has taken remarkable aerial shots of its contribution to the wave of national pride.

Penshurst Place, near Tonbridge, opened its Maize Maze in July with a crown shaved in the crop to mark the Queen's 60 years on the throne.

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CRIME

# The chilling story of Brides in the Baths and how a husband's greed led to murder

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**INVESTIGATION:** After linking the deaths police hired female divers to help them discover how the murders had been carried out

ONE hundred years ago 33-year-old Bessie Williams was found dead in her bathtub in Herne Bay, seemingly the victim of an epileptic seizure.

But her sudden death would become one of the most notorious and sensational murder cases of the 20th century.

Bessie had been killed by her husband, George Joseph Smith, in a callous bid to get his hands on her £2,500 fortune – £150,000 in today's money. It was the first of three killings committed by Smith in what was to become known as the Brides in the Bath murders.

London-born Smith was a serial bigamist, marrying seven women under aliases and stealing their savings before disappearing.

But his money-grabbing turned even more sinister when he met Bessie Mundy in Bristol, a wealthy woman who had inherited her bank manager father's fortune.

Smith introduced himself as Henry Williams and persuaded Bessie to marry him a few weeks later.

In 1912, the couple decided to move to the north Kent coast, finding a property at 80 High Street, Herne Bay. Shortly after they moved there, he asked Bessie to make a will in his favour.

Smith then visited a local ironmonger to enquire about the price of a cast iron bath, later sending Bessie to purchase it.

Planning his crime, he convinced his wife that she was suffering epileptic fits but was unable to remember anything afterwards. Concerned, Bessie visited the doctors and told him her symptoms.

On July 13 the doctor received a note from Smith, it read: "Come at once, my wife is dead."

Bessie was found dead in her new bathtub and despite Smith being questioned closely, the opinion of the doctor convinced the jury that she had died from asphyxia following a fit.

Smith went on to marry his next victim Alice Burnham who, in December 12, 1913, died suddenly, in the bath.

They were staying in a Blackpool apartment at the time, owned by Joseph Crossley.

The inquest returned the verdict that Alice, who had insured herself for £500, had accidentally drowned through heart failure. Smith pocketed the cash and searched for his next victim.

Life insurance was also the motive behind the killing of his next wife Margaret Elizabeth Lloyd (nee Lofty) using the alias John Lloyd.

Margaret and Smith were staying in London in December 1914 when she visited her solicitor to make a will leaving her savings to her husband.

Later that evening, Smith told the owner of the house that he was going out to buy some tomatoes for his wife's supper while she took a bath.

Margaret died later that evening.

The inquest took place in January 1915 and a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

But Smith's killing rampage was about to come to an abrupt end. Mr Crossley wrote to the Metropolitan Police on behalf of second victim Alice's father Charles Burnham, who had enclosed a newspaper cutting about the death of Margaret Lloyd and said how similar it was to the death of his own daughter in Blackpool.

On February 1 Scotland Yard divisional Detective Inspector Arthur Neil stopped Smith and arrested him for bigamy and on suspicion of Margaret and Alice's murders.

The pathologist Bernard Spilsbury was then called in by police to determine how the victims had died.

After exhuming Margaret's body, Spilsbury found no evidence of heart disease or poison and so suggested to Inspector Neil they run an experiment in the police station.

As part of the experiment, Mr Neil hired female divers of the same size and build as the victims and tried to push them underwater, but there would always be signs of struggle.

Mr Neil then decided to pull the feet of one of the divers, and her head went underwater, knocking her unconscious. It took more than an hour and a half to revive her and Inspector Neil had finally discovered how Smith was operating.

Meanwhile, the chief police officer of Herne Bay read newspaper reports about the Brides in the Baths and sent Mr Neil a report of Bessie's death.

George Joseph Smith was charged for the murders of Bessie Williams, Alice Smith and Margaret Lloyd on March 23, 1915. He was tried, found guilty and sentenced to death before being executed at Maidstone Gaol on August 13 of that year.




**SCENE OF MURDER:** One hundred years ago Bessie Williams was murdered in the bath by her husband at their home of 80 High Street in Herne Bay

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News

CRIME

# Prison for distributing almost 3,000 indecent pictures of children

**By Chrissie Daniels**
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A SICK pervert who was caught with nearly 3,000 indecent images of children, was this week beginning a three year jail term.

Vincent Terry, 43, from Maidstone, appeared at the town's crown court this month. He was sentenced to three years in prison for distributing the child porn and 12 months to run concurrently for taking indecent images.

He will also be required to sign the sex offenders' register for life and will be subject to a sexual offences prevention order.

Terry was arrested in December 2011. After being quizzed by cops he denied all of the allegations.

But a digital forensic examination of his computer showed that he had distributed and received a total of nearly 3,000 images, ranging from levels one to five, with five being the most serious.



**GUILTY:** Vincent Terry

Upon sentencing, Detective Constable Nicola Griffith from the Kent Police child exploitation investigation team said: "People like Vincent Terry show a considerable lack of regard for the lives of their young victims.

"Every single indecent photo of a child contains a victim, but advances in technology and the support we receive from the community are helping us to arrest people suspected of such offences and prevent other children becoming victims."

■ Also in court, a 27-year-old man has been charged with attempted murder following an incident in a seaside town earlier this month.

Stephen Boorman, of Coolinge Road, Folkestone, appeared before magistrates in the town on Monday charged with the attempted murder of a 44-year-old man on August 16 on Blackbull Road.

The victim remains in a critical but stable condition.

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## News

TRAVEL

# My Ferry Link hopes to make a splash in Channel market

**By Marijke Cox**
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**BACK:** SeaFrance ferries are now owned by My Ferry Link

THE latest name to start operating a cross-Channel ferry service took to the waves between Dover and Calais this week, rising from the ashes of the collapse of SeaFrance.

My Ferry Link is owned by Eurotunnel and currently boasts two ferries left defunct after SeaFrance sunk earlier this year amid a host of financial problems. A third vessel snapped up from SeaFrance administrators, will join the fleet later this year.

Run by former SeaFrance employees, it has created hundreds of jobs in France and around 100 in Dover.

Earlier this year, rival operators on the Dover-Calais route – P&O Ferries and DFDS/LD Lines – objected to the purchase of the three ferries by Eurotunnel, arguing the Channel Tunnel operator would have an unfair share of cross-Channel business.

They said the move by Eurotunnel would disrupt the "level playing field" and give the company too much control.

The Port of Dover, however, has welcomed the return of the former SeaFrance fleet to Dover.

A ceremony was held on Monday to celebrate the inaugural crossings under the My Ferry Link brand.

Director of business and support services Tim Waggott said: "We warmly welcome the three vessels back to the Port of Dover and congratulate My Ferry Link on their new venture.

"They arrive at a time of major infrastructure investment within the port as we push forward an exciting £11.5m traffic management improvement project that will change the face of the port and provide extra capacity for freight and tourist vehicles.

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# Travel through the colourful history of county town's buses

**By Nick Ames**
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TAKE a comprehensive look at the history of public transport in our county town.

That is the subject for the latest in a series of books from Amberley Publishing, focusing on the trams, trolleybuses and buses of past times.

Eric Baldock has compiled the book, Maidstone Corporation Transport 1904-1974, which contains a selection of colour plates and black and white illustrations

Maidstone Corporation first began operating trams on July 14, 1904, in conjunction with the municipal electricity supply. Motor buses were introduced from April 7, 1924, and, to replace the trams which were being phased out through 1929-30, trolleybuses were introduced on May 1, 1928.

Towards the end of the 1960s, it was decided the trolleybuses should be phased out and the Corporation continued operating buses alone until it ceased to exist in 1974.

Using official photographs, commercial postcards, enthusiasts' pictures and ephemera, the book records the history of Maidstone Corporation's transport operations until it was replaced by Maidstone Borough Council following local government reorganisation.

Mr Baldock is an authority on the subject and moved to Maidstone from Canterbury in 1965. He started becoming interested in transport when he caught a trolleybus to Maidstone Grammar School.



**ON THE ROAD:** Maidstone has been host to a variety of buses

Mr Baldock has been transport manager for heritage group Bygone Buses as well as a member of the M&D and East Kent Bus Club. He currently works as a timetable compiler for Transport for London.

The first picture in the book shows the opening of the tramway route from the town centre west to Barming.

The official postcard image shows a civic party outside the town hall as the tram moves off, while a second picture taken soon after the opening day shows a tram travelling along the Tonbridge Road close to St Michael's Church.

The tram route expanded to 5.25 miles with a line to Loose. Black and white pictures capture the long lost era of single tracks winding through the deserted streets of small villages and overhead lines converging on the town centre.

The book also features transport operations during World War Two.

Mr Baldock writes: "The war placed strains on operations, with mileage operated falling slightly but the number of passengers carried on increasing considerably. The worst incident to disrupt operations was the bombing of Mill Street on October 31, 1940, which severed the trolleybus route.

"As a result emergency arrangements were made for two-way working via Lower Stone Street and Gabriel's Hill."

The book also explains how production of buses was halted in the early years of the conflict and those vehicles running had their windows blacked out.

And even when production resumed in 1942 the livery shades still saw muted greys and browns dominating.

The book's colour photographs date from the 1950s, when trolleybuses and buses were mainly painted red.

But in the 1960s a fleet of cream and pale blue buses replaced them, alongside vehicles painted red and gold.

The colour plates run through to 2004 when – to celebrate its centenary – Maidstone's bus fleet saw a blue and cream vehicle joined by one painted brown and cream.


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OPINION

# Manston would solve dilemma

**Nicholas Reed**, chairman of Why Not Manston? campaign, argues there is no need to build a new airport when east Kent has a ready-made solution

IT IS generally agreed the airports in south-east England are at full stretch, with Gatwick or Heathrow needing another runway if they are to expand.

Two airports in the Thames Estuary have been proposed, each costing tens of billions of pounds and taking around 20 years to complete.

Yet BBC Radio Kent has said that every time they discuss the proposed estuary airport they are flooded with phone calls from listeners saying: "Why not Manston?"

Manston Airport already exists in east Kent with the widest runway in the country, and one of the longest.

It is surrounded by the sea on three sides, so most planes take off straight over the sea, only a third of them fly over the populated area of Ramsgate.

Manston also has excellent road and rail connections; there is now a new dual-carriageway, the A256, running north-south through east Kent, with its northern exit close to Manston.

The high-speed railway line runs close by and we are told that by 2014, trains from the Thanet coast will reach St Pancras in under an hour.

Two objections have been made to increased use of Manston Airport.

One is that, surrounded by the sea on three sides, its catchment area is too small for it to succeed.

In that case, why are the opponents so worried about it being successful?

Secondly, Manston has requested that some flights should be allowed after 11pm, so that planes delayed on their incoming flights could land at Manston after that time, rather than have to land elsewhere.

This would result in about one such flight every other night.

After the website www.whynotmanston.co.uk was established on August 1, it attracted 120 supporters during its first two weeks.

One third of them live in Ramsgate, under the Manston flight-path.

Their attitude was summed up by one of them: "If you live near an airport, you expect aeroplanes.

"Whatever next – stop all trains because they run at the bottom of your garden?!"

Apart from bringing more jobs into the area, increased international flights from Manston would also be far more accessible to most Kent residents than Gatwick or Heathrow.

After less than an hour's drive, they would catch their flight from Manston within the hour. At present they have a two-hour drive along packed motorways, followed by a compulsory three-hour wait at Heathrow or Gatwick.

No prizes for guessing which residents of Kent would prefer.



**Apart from bringing more jobs into the area, it would be more accessible**

There is an additional reason for greater use of Manston.

The airways around Heathrow and Gatwick are heavily congested, with planes queuing up and forced to circle before they land, and the ever-present danger of an accident.

Such an air accident in the heavily populated areas round those airports, would likely result in hundreds killed in the planes, but also thousands of human casualties on the ground.

A similar accident in east Kent would see hundreds killed in the planes, plus three sheep and a cow.

So shifting hundreds of planes to Manston could make a major contribution to air safety.

Why wait 20 years for Boris Island to be constructed in the sea, when Manston Airport is already there on dry land, just 15 miles down the road?

So, why not Manston?

## KOS COMMENT

### A nasty pong but let's not all kick up a stink

**THERE has been an odd smell hovering over Kent this week and it's caused quite a stir.**

**Residents have called local councils in protest and teenagers have taken to Twitter to share their anger and disgust with the world.**

**But all the fuss is over a practice that takes place every year - farmers spreading manure on their land ready to plant crops.**

**And with this year's unpredictable weather wreaking havoc on the farming community, they haven't had it easy.**

**So let's give them the benefit of the doubt and remember, although the smell may not be to everyone's taste, it is, at least, a true sign we are fortunate enough to live in a rural environment.**

### Our Lucan fascination

**NEARLY 40 years after he was last seen, the mystery of Lord Lucan continues to enthral us unlike any other murder case.**

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**Sheep in Challock**
by Rita Keatley, Canterbury

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NO Estuary Airport

## Less qualified need the jobs

WHERE is the balanced journalism, where is the petition in favour of an estuary airport, where is the argument that we need local jobs, especially for the less qualified, i.e baggage handlers, air-side drivers? Nimbies, birdwatchers and your publication do not care for those people on the dole obviously. Plus all the much-needed construction jobs in the build of the airport and the infrastructure – roads, rail links to the benefit of the north Kent people in general as well as airport traffic. Then there's the draw to other industries and businesses that a local airport would attract.

Also, all that extra traffic going to Gatwick and Heathrow causing pollution. Yes, greater use could be made of Manston, but it's proved not to be viable by the airlines due to its location.

Please stop being negative, get out and meet the people who would be employed.

**Alan Peach, via email**

## Don't concrete countryside

I am concerned about the building of an airport in the Thames Estuary or at Grain as there is a lot of wildlife that would die.

Reptiles and amphibians eat a lot of insects. Great crested newts have fantastic colours in the breeding season. They eat gnat and mosquito and midge larvae as well as other water insects.

They live on the marshes between Gravesend and Grain.

Also, there is a lot of wildfowl in winter.

When I was very young there was a pair of pink flamingos living on the edge of a gravel pit at Cliffe. There are quite a few white egrets and grey herons now breeding on the marshes.

It is alright for Boris Johnson to sit there and say it's only a marsh – he doesn't live here. I hope the marshes stay as they are forever as it would be impossible to stop every bird from returning to the marshes in the winter.

I feel sick at the thought of all that land buried under concrete. Grass snakes, slow-worms, lizards, frogs, toads, smooth newts and great crested newts should have the right to live in peace. If Boris had his way he would concrete over the whole of Kent.

**G Ashman, Strood**

## Stop wasting time and cash

IT'S about time someone made a decision about Lydd Airport.

A rail link is already in place ready for upgrading. Money and time is being wasted waiting for a decision. More money will be wasted if it is decided to go ahead with the Thames airport.

**Frank Beckley**

## Hop picking memories

I'VE just read your article stating that just over 60 years ago the hop picking stopped and machines moved in.

Please get your facts right before printing. I am 58 years old and have photographs of my family hop picking in Kent and I remember sleeping in the old huts.

**Janet Way, via email**

## MPs don't listen to us

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Labour also have no reason to be proud of their record.

**Phil Granger, West Malling**

## I've never owned a TV

THERE has never been a television at my address. Neither my parents nor I saw any need for one as we had our books and newspapers.

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I decided to follow her methods when dealing with the inspector.

He arrived, looked in the hall, glanced into the dining room and pronounced himself satisfied I did not possess a set. I had not finished with him.

I insisted that he visit every room in the house, the drawing room, the kitchen, scullery, coal-shed, both lavatories, bathroom, bedroom, study, and upstairs sitting room. For good measure, I opened the pantry door for his inspection.

I was told that I was safe for another ten years.

**Miss V Hemsley-Flint**
**Sittingbourne**

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**Kate Rowland, chief executive, Meningitis UK**

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# Survey shows young people feel job-hunting is an impossible task

This week **Nick Ames** takes a look at how the economic slump has hit young people. Youth unemployment continues to be a big issue and from a recent study it is apparent that those affected have little optimism for the future. On a brighter note, however, we feature two young people who have triumphed over adversity, as well as a company that is doing its bit to help.

WORRYING statistics on a future in the workplace for young people have been released by the Prince's Trust and The Royal Bank of Scotland – with more than one in five thinking it will be impossible for them to find a job in the next 12 months

More than two-thirds of young people in Kent (68 per cent) claim that life is harder than ever for unemployed young people, while 61 per cent think that finding a job is harder than at this time last year.

Also, more than half in employment (56 per cent) are worried about finding their next salaried position.

Rosemary Watt-Wyness, regional director at the Prince's Trust in the South East, said: "It is clear it's a difficult time for young people in Kent as they're becoming increasingly disillusioned with their lives. We need to ensure they are receiving the right support to help them find work."

The research, based on interviews with 2,000 16- to 30-year-olds across the UK, reveals that one in five unemployed young people (22 per cent) think that finding a job in the next year is "unachievable", while more than a third (36 per cent) claim they have not received any responses to job applications in the past year.

Two-thirds of young people in Kent (66 per cent) believe that setting up in business would give them a sense of achievement and purpose, while 53 per cent think it is a viable route out of unemployment

Almost half (48 per cent) of self-employed young people questioned across the UK said that starting their own business was the best decision they had ever made and more than half (51 per cent) said they would recommend starting a business to unemployed young people.

Of the self-employed young people surveyed, more than one in 10 (13 per cent) said they set up in business because they could not find a job.

Watt-Wyness said: "Setting up in business can be an escape route out of the dole queue for these young people – and a route to success. Many of the disadvantaged young people we have helped through our Enterprise programme have gone from joblessness to being their own boss and employing others, too."

The Prince's Trust is encouraging young people to consider self-employment through its A-Z of Young Businesses, which celebrates young people who have bucked the trend of unemployment by setting up on their own.

The A-Z, which is supported by RBS, showcases 26 of the young people supported by the scheme.

■ **Kevin Lawrence, 29, from Chatham**

KEVIN struggled with physical and mental disabilities before getting help from the Prince's Trust to turn a passion for gardening into a successful business.

From an early age, Kevin suffered from speech and language difficulties and struggled to keep up in school. He found reading and writing a challenge and was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and dyslexia, which led to behavioural problems in school.

He was also diagnosed as being on the autistic spectrum, all of which made him a vulnerable target for bullying. He was at risk of giving up on his ambitions.

Despite Kevin's difficulties, he persevered with his education and went to college to gain Level 1 literacy and numeracy and an NVQ1 in horticulture.

During his time at college, Kevin also worked in a part-time job. However, he was harassed in his workplace – yet another blow to his self-worth – and he developed depression and isolated himself from people.

Kevin turned to gardening, which remained a passion, and volunteered to maintain the gardens around his church. His skills were recognised by parishioners and he soon began to think of his passion as a potential career opportunity. Kevin always had the support of his parents, but he was keen to become independent.

The Job Centre directed Kevin to the Prince's Trust and from here he signed up for the Enterprise Programme, which helps unemployed young people to start up in business.

As part of the course, Kevin was awarded £500 by the Prince's Trust, enabling him to buy the equipment he needed to start his company – Kevin Lawrence Garden Services.

Kevin also credits his business mentor, Hugh Stirk, for providing him with the skills to turn his passion into a successful business.

To date, Kevin has more than 60 loyal customers and maintains the grounds of two churches. He provides a valuable service to his community and has achieved the independence for which he strived.



**INDEPENDENCE:** The Prince's Trust gave Kevin Lawrence the support and opportunity he needed to set up his own successful gardening business



**BEAUTIFUL FUTURE:** For Vickie, starting her own business was the fresh start she needed

■ Vickie Thompson, 27, from Gravesend

**When Vickie was made redundant in 2010 at the age of 25, her confidence was shattered.**

**For 18 months, she struggled to find work, applying for jobs and not hearing anything. She moved back home but felt like she had no direction in life and didn't know what to do next.**

**She said: "It was the worst time in my life. I would come home crying after interviews because I didn't get a job. I was at my lowest point.**

**"Even though I tried to stay focused, I would struggle to get out of bed some days because I was applying for job after job and wasn't hearing anything.**

**"The constant rejection really got to me. It was awful."**

**But Vickie kept going and one day after searching the internet she found out about The Prince's Trust's Enterprise Programme. She applied to go on the course, which gives support and funding to help young people set up their own business.**

**After receiving funding of £2,000 and getting help from a business mentor, she decided to pursue a business in beauty therapy called Vickie's Beauty Box.**

**Initially, she started it as a mobile business to spread the word, visiting events to get contacts and build up a client base. She also went back to college and got a diploma in beauty therapy.**

**"It's something I had always wanted to do and I thought it would make a good business," she said. "I like the idea of working for myself and earning my own money. It was tough as I had to raise the money for the college course – however, it was a great investment for the long term."**

**Vickie decided she needed a permanent base that her clients could visit and eventually found one above a hairdresser's in Gravesend town centre.**

**Iconic Beauty was created and through her networking she also employed a nail technician and a massage therapist. The business started running earlier this year and is proving to be a real success.**

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FOOD

## Fruit-growers 'must look at the long term'

WHILE this year's wash-out spring and early summer caused havoc for many fruit-growers in Kent, they should put a bad year behind them and focus on good long-term business prospects.

The industry must also come to terms with changes in employment practice.

The advice comes from BTF Partnership, which provides human-resources support to about 75 per cent of the UK's soft-fruit-growers through its 50 Club Horticultural Employers' Association

Colin Hall, at BTF, said: "While much of the talk at the recent Fruit Focus in East Malling was about how bad the weather has been, there are other threats on the horizon which growers need to plan for.

"Planning now will ensure long-term prospects for the industry remain good, and that includes those in the emerging vineyard sector.

"One of the biggest issues which the industry will face on the HR side over the next 12 months is the anticipated abolition of the Agricultural Wages Order.

"This October is expected to be the final year that wage levels will be set by the Agricultural Wages Board and a number of potential consequences for the industry flow from this – particularly in relation to seasonal labour wage costs.

"Also, with EU changes at the end of 2013 which will allow Bulgarian and Romanian workers to move freely into employment in the UK, the longer-term question of where seasonal workers will come from needs to be addressed by policy-makers and employers.

"The sector is employing more workers than in previous years despite developments in mechanisation, but the lack of a supply of willing and able workers from within the UK means farms continue to rely on workers from further east and that situation, at least for much of the seasonal labour force, is unlikely to change soon.

"We are taking every opportunity, along with other industry representatives, to ensure the Government is aware of the industry's labour needs going forward, but my advice to growers is that they must all engage in developing a 10-year HR plan for the sector, which covers all of these and many other issues on the horizon which could threaten the performance of their businesses."

# Students advertise their skills on work experience

**By Nick Ames**
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YOUNGSTERS got a taste of the world of advertising when a leading agency came to their home town.

M&C Saatchi and a host of local firms held work-experience sessions in Folkestone's Creative Quarter, culminating in a final presentation at the Quarterhouse.

Two teams of six students, aged 18 to 24, presented their pitches for a brand campaign for Arm and Hammer toothpaste to a panel that included Folkestone and Hythe MP Damian Collins, who helped set up the outreach scheme.

It was intended to give young people the chance to see what it is like to work for a leading global brand in a highly-competitive business – without having to travel to London.

Congratulating the teams on their efforts, M&C Saatchi business director and panel judge Tom Firth said: "This has happened because people have come together around something they think is important and given very generously of their time, their experience and their resources to allow 12 young people to get a view of what it's like to work in the creative industries.

"If there's something you believe in, you can make it happen. I think that is a truth we can all take away from this."

Both teams presented the results of their two weeks' work on stage to a panel including Tom Firth, MP Collins and marketing director of Arm and Hammer, Helenor Rogers.

Debbie Pienaar, senior account manager at M&C Saatchi, who helped the teams throughout the two weeks, said of the presentation from winning team Dimensions: "Their campaign was excellently thought through and demonstrated versatility across the Arm and Hammer products, while bringing to life a fresh and entertaining campaign that could have great stand-out among a category that is known to mainly use demonstrative advertising."



**TALENTED:** The young people took part in a two-week advertising project

Rogers said to the teams: "It was way above expectations, so much so I felt like I've had two professional agencies pitch to me today – it was really impressive.

"I judged the two teams exactly as I would judge two agencies. It was really hard, one of the toughest I've ever had to deliberate between.

"I will pick the choice which I think will allow me to sell more toothpaste both immediately and in the longer term. I can use the idea to sell more of one brand and again in the future to sell something else."

Collins congratulated both teams on their efforts and said: "When M&C Saatchi and I started on this journey about six months ago, talking about this project and how it might work, I don't think we could have ever hoped the work that's been produced today was something we would see, which is of such a high standard.

"When I first met you two weeks ago, I had very high expectations of what you'd be able to achieve. You've all exceeded that – it's something you should be proud of."

Other organisations involved in the project included Saga, Screen South, Created.co, Film Factory, Academy FM, K College, Paula Carr Diabetes Trust and Holiday Extras.

It was hosted by the Creative Foundation in the former Triennial visitors centre in Tontine Street and it is hoped this could be the first of more such projects every year.

INSURANCE



## Duo delighted to bring their skills to brokers

**THE founding directors of Palmar Avard and Galloway (PAG) Ltd have joined forces with MPW to create a new corporate insurance brokerage.**

**Tony Avard and John Galloway were the driving force behind Palmar Avard and Galloway, a Maidstone insurance-broking business. In 2005 the PAG business was sold to Argyle Insurance, which in turn was acquired by Jelf Group in 2008.**

**Galloway said: "Our success was based upon the personal and professional relations we had with our clients and business friends, and the demands of a public limited company make it difficult to deliver that type of service. MPW is renowned for its service levels and I am delighted to be joining them."**

**MPW has recently acquired the commercial business of Whitstable-based David Lynes Commercial Limited, and Galloway will oversee the project.**

**MPW chairman Andy Webb said he was excited about developments: "As a specialist construction insurance-broker, we have found the economic climate to represent a significant challenge.**

**"We felt we should diversify and have been positive and dynamic during these recessionary times. The purchase of the David Lynes Commercial business has helped us to strengthen our commercial client base and we are absolutely delighted John and Tony are able to join us, too.**

**"It is rare that such knowledgeable, respected and experienced colleagues are available and their personal and professional approach exactly mirrors our company ethos. I have no doubt they will be a great asset to MPW."**

# Firms large and small urged to prepare for reform in pensions

THE Government's shake-up of the UK pensions system will hopefully help reverse an ever-increasing employee savings shortfall, according to DSH Financial Services Limited.

The Workplace Pensions Reform, which comes into effect in October, makes employer contributions to staff pensions compulsory.

The legislation is intended to halt the decline in the number of both company and private pension schemes held by UK workers.

The most recent Office for National Statistics figures for pensions, released in July, show that just 48 per cent of employees pay into a company pension, the lowest level of uptake since modern records began in 1997.

This has created a pensions shortfall for hundreds of thousands of employees – with their state-pension provision falling well below the level of pension regarded as necessary to be able to live on.



■ Ian Holyoake

Ian Holyoake, financial adviser at DSH Financial Services in Maidstone, said: "Under the new rules, employers will carry a greater part of the burden of ensuring employees save for their retirement.

"Adoption of a suitable scheme is being phased in from October 2012 to February 2018 and all firms will need to comply, regardless of size, with larger employers affected first.

"It is important that employers review any existing staff-pension arrangement to establish whether they meet the new requirements. Those businesses without qualifying occupational schemes will need to set one up, which can take up to three months.

"Although for many businesses the deadlines appear a long way off, we recommend employers take action sooner rather than later in order to avoid being hit with significant penalties for missing the automatic enrolment deadlines.

Many employers are unsure of the correct actions to take and we strongly advise them to take professional advice on how these changes will affect both them and their business."




# Training, courses and careers

## British Legion gets benefit of Army's student engineers

SOLDIERS from 1 Royal School of Military Engineering are using the facilities at Royal British Legion Industries to complete the design and build phase of their Military Plant Foreman (MPF) training.

The Aylesford buildings are ideal for the work on the MPF course, which consists of 88 weeks of intensive training.

Students are equipped with the skills to reconnoitre, design, plan and co-ordinate all aspects of earthmoving and engineer construction plant for military and civil engineer works.

The training covers a vast array of subjects ranging from mathematics and engineering science, to design and build project management. Once completed, students pass out as military plant foremen and are awarded a foundation degree in highway engineering and plant management.

The culmination of the MPF training sees the students design, plan and manage a technically demanding infrastructure engineering task, utilising the skills learned during the course.

Sergeant James Collins is one of the five students. He said: "This project provided us with a real life task that we saw from inception through to the finished product. We had never undertaken or managed such a technically demanding construction project before and it was immensely satisfying to see such a worthwhile cause benefitting the local residents and RBLI's village as a whole."

Instructor David Dixon added: "The end product is constantly on display so they had to complete it to the highest of standards. Due to the poor weather, the students had to work long hours to complete this project on time and it is a testament to themselves that they have achieved this."

## College trainers have their finger on hi-tech button

A GIANT of the music technology world has teamed up with MidKent College to offer top note training for students.

American firm Avid Technology manufactures Pro Tools software. It has named the college an Avid Learning Partner after two of its lecturers were awarded certified trainer status.

Since the early 1990s, Pro Tools has been used to edit and mix music for some of the biggest names in the industry, as well as for blockbuster movies and best-selling video games.

Students get expert teaching in the subject in addition to more than £100,000 of the most current Avid software donated to the college.

Lecturer Bill Hill is one of the two certified trainers alongside colleague Ben Gurney.

He said he was excited by the new partnership, adding: "There are only about 160 Avid Learning Partners in the world so this is not something many organisations can lay claim to.

"We can now provide a more professional approach to music technology than any school can, with everything taught by people with links to the industry and who still work in the industry.

"It's another reason why MidKent College is such a great alternative to school sixth forms."

The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Technology covers everything from music production, studio and live sound, to radio, film and video.

For more information visit www.midkent.ac.uk.

# Higher apprenticeships offer alternative route to earning your degree

THE National Apprenticeship Service focuses on increasing the number of apprentices in Kent and the rest of England.

It works with employers to help them introduce apprentices into their businesses, help those looking to start their careers find an apprenticeship opportunity, and contributes towards the costs of vocational training and qualifications within an apprenticeship.

With more than 250 types and around 1,400 job roles to choose from, apprenticeships can help businesses across all sectors by offering a route to harness new talent.

New apprenticeships in the county are being launched all the time.

The new Higher Apprenticeships provide up to degree-level qualifications for apprentices and enable employers, colleges and universities to deliver the advanced skills most critical for growth.

Kent students with A levels and GCSEs now have a viable alternative route to getting a degree level qualification.

Individuals benefit from doing an apprenticeship because they 'earn while they learn'; getting paid a wage while also gaining official qualifications and work experience through being employed.

Apprenticeships continue to grow in popularity and there are currently more than 19,500 people employed as apprentices across Kent and Medway. This is an increase of 5,500 on the previous year as local businesses of all sizes see the value of developing their own workforce to meet their competitive challenges.

The key to growth has come through strong partnerships between the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS), Kent County Council and Medway Council, supported by local further education colleges and independent training providers, who offer a high quality package of recruitment, training and support to employers of all sizes.

Vic Grimes, NAS divisional director for Kent and the south east, said: "There has never been a better time to choose apprenticeships. They lead to good careers with real progression and are available to people of all ages."

To search for apprenticeship job vacancies, visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk. These vacancies are also advertised for free by employers and over 14,000 residents of Kent and Medway already have an active account and access to posts. See www.apprenticeships.org.uk or call 08000 150 600.

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**STARTING BLOCK:** Apprentices benefit because they 'earn while they learn'

# Work experience a 'vital lesson in life skills'



**HANDS-ON:** More than 230 placements have been given to Year 10 pupils at the Charles Dickens school in Broadstairs

**CAREERS advice might well be in turmoil around the UK, but one Kent school has recognised its importance by making it a top priority.**

**More than 230 placements have been given to teenagers from Year 10 at Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs, including catering at a top-rated restaurant, the construction sector, childcare, hairdressing, retail and even in London's financial market.**

**Headteacher Andrew Olsson said: "You simply cannot put a price on the huge importance our students gain from spending time with business professionals.**

**"The Government says it is no longer a statutory requirement for students to have work experience as part of their learning – but potential employers always look for students who have had some sort of work experience.**

**"We are working closely with the excellent Kent Education Business Partnership to deliver the right type of work experience that will benefit all our students."**

**The school's community manager Teresa Schers added: "Our commitment to our students' development is strong. It is vital we help our young people gain life skills and inter-personal communication skills for their future in employment."**

# Schools & education

## Didn't get the A-levels you wanted? Request a full results breakdown

NOW Kent students have had time to absorb their A level results, information watchdogs are reminding them of their information rights.

The Information Commissioner's Office said under the Data Protection Act students can see information held about them. This includes a breakdown of their marks, by making a subject access request to the examination body.

David Smith, deputy commissioner and director of data protection, said: "This is a time of great stress for those who don't get the marks they require. That is why we are reminding students they have a right to see information held about how their marks were arrived at, before deciding whether to re-sit an exam or pursue a particular subject.

"Having access to information – such as a breakdown of their overall mark and examiners' comments – may not lead to their grades being altered, but it could help them make important decisions."

Under the Act, individuals have the right to request information known as a subject access request. Once a request is received an organisation generally has 40 days to respond. In the case of exam results, exam bodies must respond within 40 days from the date the results were published or within five months of the request being received – whichever of the two is the earliest.



**WELL DONE:** James Young (top) and Donald Kwaku's work has been recocnised by the professionals

## Student projects are the best

TWO Canterbury students have scooped special awards for their architectural work.

The Royal Institute of British Architects presented the University for the Creative Arts' students with their Best of Year prizes.



The recipients, Donald Kwaku and James Young, took the awards for their projects which were displayed during the university's recent degree show.

Donald, who completed a graduate diploma in architecture in June, said: "It is always a humbling feeling to receive an award but when it's from RIBA it's definitely more special. It means that all of those late nights and long hours spent drawing, making and re-drawing were all worth it. This has not only helped crystallise my thoughts of what architecture is and can be, but it has also reassured me that pushing yourself to the limit and moving outside your comfort zone are great ways to discover your own abilities and that these qualities are celebrated by a prestigious organisation."

And James, a BA (Hons) architecture graduate, added: "I feel surprised and very honoured to receive this prize. It's great to have my work chosen from such a fantastic selection of projects and recognised by an organisation as prominent in architecture as RIBA.

"The award has given me a great boost of confidence in my work and the assurance I need while looking for the work placement which forms the next part of my studies."

## School venture is ready to cook up some talented new restaurateurs

TOP chef Hilde-Marie Smith is launching a school restaurant to teach students the nuances of running a business.

The founder of Catering-4Kent said the model at Abbey School in Faversham will give students experience of every aspect of running a business.

Some 24 apprentices will learn everything from cooking and waiting on tables to sourcing the best ingredients, upkeep and maintenance of a kitchen garden, sales and marketing techniques and front-of-house.

Ms Smith has worked for fine dining and hospitality specialists Roux Fine Dining in Mayfair. She said: "I have a group of young men and women who are absolutely passionate about cooking fresh food and I know will deliver a top-notch service.

"We also have all the best equipment – including a new pizza oven. All I need now is hungry customers ready for the meal of their lives and at really reasonable prices."

The restaurant will open Friday and Saturday from 5.30pm with last orders at 10pm.

There is also a coffee shop with cakes, which will be open all weekend.

At the launch on Saturday, September 15, Ms Smith will host a family day with kids' football, cup cake decorating and pizza making.

The event runs from 2pm and is open to all ahead of the course's January start.

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# Talented students buck national trend

YEARS of upward-spiralling results ended this year when the proportion of pupils achieving the highest A-level grades dropped for the first time in 21 years, following changes in the marking system.

Across the UK the A* grade, introduced in 2010, was awarded to 7.9 per cent of entries this year, compared with 8.2 per cent last year, breaking the cycle of increasingly-high results and accusations of dumbing down.

In Kent, however, results remained on a par with those recorded 12 months ago.

Across the country, the proportion of A-level entries gaining grade A or above also fell, to 26.6 per cent, lower than the 2009 level. It is the first time that the proportion of A grades has gone down since 1991.

Again, Kent's pass rate has remained the same as last year, with some schools registering an improvement in their records.

Mike Whiting, Kent County Council cabinet member for education, learning and skills, said: "Whereas other parts of the country are seeing a drop, in Kent we are managing to hold on to our record.

"Young people are getting the results they need. Increasingly, they are coming away with the right results for them."

Exam boards say the national fall is explained by a "different cohort profile" from last year.




The shift has coincided with greater emphasis from exams regulator Ofqual on pegging results to the performance of previous years.

According to education experts in meetings this year, the watchdog instructed exam boards to look on the conservative side when deciding in borderline cases where grade boundaries should be placed.

Earlier this year, Ofqual chief regulator Glenys Stacey said the watchdog needed to find ways to "manage" the "persistent grade inflation" that had existed for "at least a decade".

Cllr Whiting said: "Some [A-level students] are going to university, some are going straight into paid jobs and others are going into apprenticeship schemes. We will see fewer going to university, but we have a diverse education system in Kent and there is something for everyone.



**WELL DONE:** Students from Mid Kent College celebrate their results; left is councillor Mike Whiting

"We've seen improvements against the national trend, so well done Kent.

"Kent's family of academies and maintained schools have shown how they make such an important contribution to the success of so many young people."

One county success story was Sandwich Technology School, where the overall pass rate increased to 94 per cent.

Christian Nicolson, the director of sixth form, said: "The results that our young people have achieved are excellent. We have had a record set of results this year, with more than 90 per cent of students who were seeking a university place securing their first-choice offer.

"I am not only pleased with the actual results but more importantly the effect they will have on the career opportunities of our students. Sandwich Technology School has been a very happy place to be this [results day].

"The students who are leaving are following a range of paths from university to travel, from employment and apprenticeships to voluntary work. We are immensely proud of all of their achievements and wish them all well in this next, exciting phase of their lives."

## GCSE and A level success for Rochester students



**Rochester Independent College has had another high achieving year with record GCSE results. Celebrating students include the first group to have joined the Star Hill College at the age of 11 for their complete secondary education.**

Jessica Borowsky is one of the star performers with 10 top grades including A*s in subjects ranging from Biology and Chemistry to English and Film Studies. High flying Sam Costelloe's A* grades include English, Drama and History. Lydia Deadman's top grades include Religious Studies, Maths and Photography as well as double A* success in English and English Literature. The group were the first to take the demanding International GCSEs in English and in the Triple Sciences (100% A*-C in Physics, Chemistry, Biology).

While some now join RIC at Year 7 students can move directly into Year 13 for intensive A level courses. If they are aiming for something very competitive at university a move at this point can be a shrewd one as it can maximise the potential of the right A level grades being achieved first time round.

2012 transfer successes include Jeremy Hammond from The Judd School, Tonbridge who after a disappointing Year 12 now has a place to do History at Birmingham. Lydia Sodhi joined RIC from Rochester Grammar in September 2011 with BCDD at AS. She now has A*AB at A level and is set to apply to medical school during her gap year. Simon Tucker opted to switch schools after a disappointing Year 12 at Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys and decided to change direction. He took A level Geography, one of RIC's strongest subjects, on a one year intensive course, gained a fast track Grade A and won a place to study the same subject at Reading University.







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# A well-rounded success story



**ALL SMILES:** Harry Bradley, right, with some of his fellow pupils

KING'S School Rochester pupil Harry Bradley has achieved three As in art, design technology and religious studies

A pupil at the school since he was three, Harry achieved the posts of deputy head boy and head of house as well as running Open Mic Nights, which showcased the musical and dramatic talents of his peers.

He was also the founder of the now thriving film society. As a third-generation King's boy, Harry has followed in the footsteps of his father and, just like his grandad, played cricket for the first XI from age 15.

Harry took on the role of school photographer and produced posters to promote King's productions – in addition, he was an acolyte and head server in the cathedral.

He says he is now looking forward to studying for a degree in American studies at Nottingham University.

Retiring headmaster Dr Ian Walker said: "Not only do our pupils achieve great things academically, but they shine in other, equally important, areas.

"I have no doubt we will be reading about them as stars of the future and I wish them every success in their chosen career paths."

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# A Level and GCSE celebrations at King's Rochester

King's Rochester is celebrating another year of top A Level results!. Around one third of all passes were in the coveted A* and A brackets and 62% were top grades A* to B. More than 86% of all passes were A* to C and staff and pupils can also celebrate the fact that all of the 22 subjects taken this year achieved a 100% pass rate with 15% of the 65 candidates achieving straight A* and As. The 40% of students in the grammar stream at this broad-ability school achieved an average points score per pupil of 412.3.

At GCSE more than 40% of grades were A* or A this year and close to 70% were A*, A or B so good cause for celebration. Jacob Porter netted a straight 11A* and As, closely followed by classmates Stephen Green (10), Jacques Bestel (9), Alexander Lindley (8), Laurence Long (8) and Charlotte Titmuss (8). Gemma La Guardia and Olivia Blanning both gained 11 A* to C grades.

Several academic departments, including Mathematics, ICT, Music, Latin and German registered a 100% A* to C pass rate this year.

If you would like to hear more about how King's helps pupils to exceed their expectations academically as well as supporting their musical, sporting, dramatic and other talents outside the classroom, then come and hear Jeremy Walker, the school's new Principal, speak at Open Morning on Saturday October 6 at 9.45am.

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# A mature way to continue your education

GCSE results day for many young people is incredibly daunting, but, whatever the outcome, staying in school is not the only option for those wanting to continue their education.

College can provide students with a more hands-on and mature approach.

North West Kent College offers a range of further-education courses at both of its newly-redeveloped Dartford and Gravesend campuses and is still accepting applications for September.

The college offers an extensive range of courses and levels, with something to suit everyone and an excellent record of providing a pathway to employment and university. Investment of £90 million has been spent on new facilities at both campuses, which provide some of the best training opportunities in the country.

It offers courses in hair, beauty, business, secretarial, computing, construction, engineering, catering, art and design, music, media, performing arts, professional care, sport, travel and tourism, public services and foundation learning and has a commitment to helping students achieve their ambition, whether they wish to achieve high-level professional qualifications or gain the skills to get their first job.

The teaching staff are supportive and highly skilled, many of them having worked in the industry they teach and therefore able to give students real knowledge and experience, which will benefit them in their working lives.

David Gleed, principal of North West Kent College, said: "Don't just arrange to come and talk to our staff – arrange to come and talk to our students, too, and find out why they chose North West Kent College. Our students are our best ambassadors and their success is our greatest achievement."

The college provides a free shuttle-bus service from Dartford station to the Dartford campus and from Medway and Hoo to the Gravesend campus. Both campuses also have extensive free car-parking, making the college accessible and affordable.

There is still time to apply, so you can get in touch while courses remain available by phoning 0800 074 1447.

Also, see www.nwkcollege.ac.uk for further information about the opportunities on offer.



**CHOICE:** North West Kent College invites young people to consider a way of continuing with their education without having to stay in school




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# Bishop of Rochester Academy to offer Music Scholarships from September

The Bishop of Rochester Academy, in Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, announced the introduction of 'Music Scholarships'. 25 Music Scholarship places are available to students joining the Academy in Year 7 from this September, 2012.

Any child who is interested in music may apply for one of these twenty-five Music Scholarship places at the Bishop of Rochester Academy each year. Parents who have seen their child develop an interest or talent in music are urged to ensure that their child benefits from this opportunity by applying for a Year 7 place at the Bishop of Rochester Academy from this September onwards.

As Music is one of the Bishop of Rochester Academy's 'Specialisms' the Scholarships are intended to support and enhance the standard and variety of music-making at the Academy.

*"The Academy already has a strong musical culture and there is a lot of talent amongst the current students. Our students really enjoy performing."* said Mr Boxall, the Academy Principal. *"And, as parents will know... learning Music helps children with their learning of Maths - it's very important that students achieve well in the Core academic subjects. The Academy's other 'Specialism' is Maths & Computing, which helps focus on Core Skills."* he added.

Students attending the Bishop of Rochester Academy through a Music Scholarship will enjoy a variety of benefits, which may include such things as free music lessons (instrumental and/or singing), free use of a musical instrument to take home for practice, free music-related trips, involvement in musical performances, school uniform, and a music-based curriculum.

Applicants will be considered on the basis of their genuine interest in music, their enthusiasm and their likely contribution to music-making at the Academy in the future. Successful students will be expected to attend ensemble or choral rehearsals and to take part in concerts and/or other musical activities.

"*The Scholarships are for students who are serious about music - whether that's composing music, using the latest technology in music-editing software soon to be available at the Bishop of Rochester Academy; playing a musical instrument - traditional or modern; being in a band or part of an orchestra; or singing - choral or pop.*" said the Academy's Musical Director, Karen Fowler - who is co-ordinating the Scholarships.

"*There is infinite variety in music-making in the world today, and through our Music Specialism at the Bishop of Rochester Academy we are aiming to help the young people of Medway to develop their talents in music, supported by these new Scholarships.*" she added.

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For more information, or to apply for a Music Scholarship place at the Bishop of Rochester Academy for your child, parents/carers should contact the:

Bishop of Rochester Academy
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Magpie Hall Road,
Chatham, Kent, ME4 5JB.
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**office@BoRAcademy.org**
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Salary: £13,000 - £17,000 (depending on experience)
Start Date: 10 September 2012
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Closing Date: 31 August 2012 17:00

To apply submit a completed application form and equal opportunity monitory form available from **www.amactraining.co.uk/about/recruitment**
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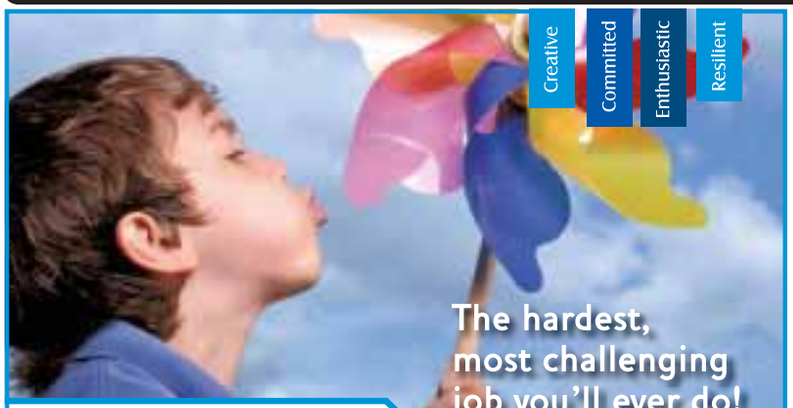
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### CHILDCARE SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

As part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends.

£11,128 plus 10% per annum – 36.5 hours per week, (including weekends) – Term time only, plus 2 weeks*

### LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (TEAM SUPPORT WORKERS - EDUCATION)

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the school.

£12,689 per annum - 37½ hours per week, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus 2 weeks*

### INDIVIDUAL LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the classrooms and have a particular responsibility towards one teaching group.

£10,365 per annum – 34 hours per week, 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus two weeks*

*For these roles there will also be up to a maximum of two weeks for the school's respite care provision if required, for which extra payment would be paid.

For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, warm, creative and open to learning with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children.

**We are committed to sustainability and preserving the environment and therefore encourage applications by email, so for an application form and information pack please email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk**

**Or you may call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine).**

**Please note that CV's will not be considered.**

**The closing date for all applications is 12 noon Thursday 30th August 2012.**

www.bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk

## Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:.

***Hourly-paid Lecturer in Psychology*** ***Ref: SESS***

**Hourly rate: £23.44 - £27.22 per hour - Maidstone Campus**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Psychology lecturer to join our Access to Higher Education team. They will need to have experience of teaching Psychology, preferably to adult learners. The successful candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

**Closing date: 6 September 2012**

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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***Learning Support Practitioners, term time only, permanent*** ***Ref: LSP01***

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We are looking to appoint excellent, committed and enthusiastic Learning Support Practitioners to deliver quality support for learners in FE. You will need to be an effective team player with a flexible approach, working with learners across the College who have been identified as having specific learning difficulties. You will hold a relevant qualification in learner support or be willing to undertake this as part of your professional development.

The successful candidates must be excellent teachers who share our passion for success and who take a proactive approach in promoting and developing the courses within the Faculty.

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## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

### Licensing Act 2003
### Notice of application for a Premises Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I **Mr Mazhar Mohammed Ali** have applied to the **Swale Borough Council** for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as **Europe Store, 26 High street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4PB** as follows:

**Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises:**
From 08:00 to 00:00 Daily

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Department, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME12 3HT by 13th September 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Department, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME12 3HT. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

### Licensing Act 2003
### Notice of application for a Premises Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I **Mr Munur Kaya** have applied to **Barrow Borough Council** for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as **Marmaris 2, 36 Cavendish Street, Barrow-in-furness, LA14 1PZ** as follows:

**Late Night Refreshment:**
From 23:00 to 05:00 Monday to Saturday
From 23:00 to 00:00 Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to Licensing Manager, Barrow Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2LD by 20 November 2011.

A copy of the application is kept by the Barrow Borough Council, Licensing Manager, Barrow Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2LD. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE
### LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for Grant of a New Premises Licence

We Spa Escape Ltd hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS for Grant of a new premises license as follows;

1. To permit the sale of alcohol between 09.00 and 23.00 daily.

In respect of the premises situated at 12, Vale Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1BP and known by the sign of The Royal Spa. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m - Monday to Friday except public holidays) www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

Any person and responsible authorities may make representation concerning this application in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 13 September 2012.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW solicitors, 8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent. ME19 5QP Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

### Licensing Act 2003
### Notice of application to vary a premises licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I **Mr Cengiz Erpolat** have applied to the **London Borough of Ealing** to vary a premises licence in respect of the premises known as **The Cinnamon Palace, 187-189 High Street, Acton, W3 9DJ** to:

**Late Night Refreshment:**
From 23:00 to 05:00 Monday to Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Service, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, London, W5 2HL by 16 September 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Service, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, London, W5 2HL. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

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### LICENSING ACT 2003:
### Application for a variation of Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that 49 St. Peters Ltd of The Picture House, 49A, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury has applied to Canterbury City Council for the VARIATION of a Premises Licence as follows: To add two hours to the terminal hour for all regulated activities at the premises, except Performance of Live Music, on every Friday and Saturday and the Sunday of the two May Bank Holiday and August Bank Holiday weekends; to add three hours to the terminal hour for all regulated activities at the premises, except Performance of Live Music, on New Year's Eve, for the premises 'The Picture House' situated at 49A, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury. A register of licensing applications can be inspected at www.canterbury.gov.uk/licensing or at Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1YW tel. 01227 862000 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Any person wishing to submit representations to our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 14/09/2012. The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

### Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

P. Wills trading as P. Wills Transport Ltd of Touchwood, Kings Road, Sheerness, Kent ME12 2HL is applying for a licence to use Brett Concrete, St Michaels Close, Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent ME20 7XE as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicles and 0 trailers and to use Brett Concrete, Ridham Dock, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8SR as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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## MARRIAGE LICENCES

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A building certified for worship named Minster Corps, 11 Tothill Street, Minster-in-Thanet in the registration district of Kent, in the Non-Metropolitan County of Kent, was on 13 March 2012 registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by Section1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.

**Superintendent Registrar**

**15 July 2012**

### KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
### PUBLIC NOTICE

A building certified for worship named Canterbury Baptist Church Hall, Large Hall, St Georges Place, Canterbury in the registration district of Kent, in the Non-Metropolitan County/Metropolitan District/Kent, was on 3rd April 2012 registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by Section1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.

**Superintendent Registrar**

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## LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**
**(Regulation 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations 1999 as amended by SI 2005/1399)**

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (LAND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS) REGULATIONS

**Black Sluice and North Poulders Outfall Improvements**

The Environment Agency ('the Agency') gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the outfalls at Black Sluice (NGR TR3422358674) and North Poulders (NGR TR3235858923). The proposed improvement works will involve the following: At Black Sluice the tidal flap and associated hatches and mechanisms will be refurbished and a new weedscreen will be installed. At North Poulders a replacement penstock and tidal flap will be installed. Eel passage through both tidal structures will be improved as will operational health and safety issues.

**Brockhill Stream Outfall and Vinal Sluice Improvements**

The Environment Agency ('the Agency') gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the outfalls at Brockhill Outfall( NGR TR1514034656) and Vinal Sluice (NGR TQ9867428927). The proposed improvement works will involve the following: At Brockhill Outfall a new headwall and outlet will be constructed. At Vinal Sluice the water level control structure will be replaced. Eel passage at Vinal Sluice will be improved. At both locations operational health and safety issues will be addressed.

**Brooksend and Coldharbour Outfalls Improvements**

The Environment Agency ('the Agency') gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the outfalls at Coldharbour (NGR TR2473169338) and Brooksend (NGR TR2690969249). The proposed improvement works will involve the following: At Coldharbour the tidal flap and associated hatches and mechanisms will be refurbished and a new weedscreen will be installed. At Brooksend repair works to the access and superstructure will be carried out and a new screen installed. Eel passage through both tidal structures will be improved.

The Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. A low risk environmental impact assessment has been carried out and is available to view at :- The Environment Agency, Scots Float, Military Road, Playden, East Sussex, TN34 7PH. Please call 08708 506 506 to arrange a viewing.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified above, within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice.

## PLANNING

### THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 AND THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (as amended)

APPLICATION FOR: The construction of a new road bridge across the River Medway and associated works

Notice is hereby given that Chris Hall of Trenport Investments Limited, 3rd Floor, 86 Jermyn Street, London, SW1Y 6JD has applied to the Marine Management Organisation to undertake a regulated activity under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

The application is to: Construct a new road bridge across the River Medway and to conduct ground improvement works on the East and West banks of that river.

A copy of the application and environmental statement, or as the case may be, supplementary information, is available for inspection during normal office hours for free at both Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ and Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR for a period of 42 days from the date of the first notice, 26 August 2012.

Copies of the environmental statement may also be inspected free of charge and by prior appointment at the offices of the Marine Management Organisation, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Copies of the environmental statement or environmental statement supplementary information may be viewed on line in the Public Register at www.marinemanagement.org.uk/publicregister

Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to the Marine Management Organisation, Marine Licensing Team, Lancaster House, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH, or alternatively emailed to lillian.sandeman@marinemanagement.org.uk , within 42 days of the date of date of the first notice, quoting reference MLA/2012/00214

The Marine Management Organisation will pass to the applicant a copy of any objection or representation we receive.

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.

**REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2012**

SW/12/1034:
Demolition of existing premises and construction of 6 no. two bedroom flats with associated parking - 7 High Street, MINSTER; **REASON 2**

SW/12/1048:
Extension to time limit of approved SW/09/0715 for a two storey rear extension, first floor side and rear extension - Newton Place Surgery, Newton Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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## THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
## Town and Country Planning Act
## Notice of Applications

**MA/12/0766/S** - 466, 468, 470, LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9UA - Demolition of 466, 468 and 470 Loose Road including all associated buildings and erection of 10(no) detached dwellings with new service road and associated works. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/1245/N** - THE GRANARY, SMITHS FARM, HOLLINGBOURNE HILL, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1QJ - Amendments to previously approved development under MA/11/1962 (erection of 2(no) sheds, re-positioning of drive and parking area, removal of flue and installation of 1(no) small flue, alterations to fenestration including changing 2(no) doors to windows, 1(no) window to door, change of style to 1(no) door and insertion of roof light, and installation of underground gas tank) being creation of paved stone area to front of property. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1278/S** - THE ELMS LODGE, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HU - Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/1300/N** - 24, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6LX - variation to condition 4 of permission granted under MA/94/1685 to allow take away and delivery service. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/1361/S** - LAND NORTH OF THE FINCHES CARAVAN & CAMPING PARK, CHARTWAY STREET, KINGSWOOD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3DU - Change of use of land to site 20(no) holiday let log cabins with hardstanding and associated works. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/1387/N** - 6, RUMWOOD COURT, SUTTON ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3NN - Retrospective application for the erection of satellite dish. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1400/S** - 1, SUTTON FORGE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9DY - Single storey side and rear extension. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/1425/S** - SMITHS HALL, WEST FARLEIGH HALL, LOWER ROAD, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0PE - Erection of tractor store, boiler house for biomass boiler and wood store (revised proposal to that approved under reference MA/12/0233). **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/1427/N** - FORMER LILY SPICE RESTAURANT, STOCKBURY VALLEY, STOCKBURY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME9 7QN - Change of use from restaurant (Class A3) to vehicle sales (sui generis), installation of roller shutter door in north east elevation, formation of landscape mound and erection of 2m high palisade fencing and gates. **Reason: 7**

**MA/12/1428/S** - 4 & 5 LIME TERRACE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, MAIDSTONE, KENT, TN12 0AP - Retrospective application for Listed Building Consent for an internal access door between Nos 4 & 5. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/1440/S** - MILL HOUSE, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AU - Detached garage and log store. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1469/S** - NEWSTEAD FARM, COUCHMAN GREEN LANE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0RT - Temporary change of use of land for the stationing of a temporary dwelling (mobile) for farm owner/manager. **Reason: 1**

**Reasons for advertisement key:**
**1** - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
**2** - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
**3** - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
**6** - Application is Major Development.
**7** -Application affects a Public Right of Way.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **9th September 2012**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 26th August 2012

## Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**12/02222/HOUSE** **The Freight, Freight Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Single storey rear extension (LB)

**12/02242/LBC** **65 London Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of existing extension with roof terrace, erection of spiral stair to access first floor, minor internal alterations and construction of garden wall with associated landscaping. Re-roofing of property. Works already commenced. Variation of previously approved 11/02758 - swapping location of shower room and store between first and second floors (reversed from previous application) (LB)

**12/02240/FUL** **Knoxbridge Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden**
- Change of use of land from agriculture to siting of additional solar panels to provide electricity for poultry unit (PROW)

**12/02264/FUL** **The Old Mill, Northgrove Road, Hawkhurst**
- Conversion from office use to 2 no. 2 bed flats (CA)

**12/02144/HOUSE** **Heath School House, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**
- Single storey side extension and detached garage/home office. Minor internal alterations (LB)

**12/02295/FUL** **Gate House, Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden**
- Change of use of land from agricultural to residential equestrian and construction of stables to replace existing mobile loosebox (PROW) (LB)

**12/02193/HOUSE** **8 Prospect Park, Southborough, Southborough Town Council**
- Demolition of existing integral garage.Two storey south side extension with french windows with balcony to first floor on north elevation and first floor windows to east and west elevations (LB)(CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
**Dated: 25 August 2012**

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

### NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

**KCC/AS/0284/2012 - Proposed development at Knightingales, Wittersham Road, Stone, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7HA.**

Mr J Knight is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for use of land and engineering operations to infill depressed areas to south and east of existing lake.

You may view this application via a computer link at the following locations: (a) Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford; and (b) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.

**KCC/TM/0296/2012 - Proposed development at Blaise Farm Quarry, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4PN.**

New Earth Solutions Group Ltd is applying to the Kent County Council (as the Waste Planning Authority) for planning permission for the temporary development of an Anaerobic Digestion Plant together with associated infrastructure, reconfiguration of the consented Advanced Thermal Conversion Plant, together with associated infrastructure, the realignment of part of the existing access road, the relocation of existing office and welfare accommodation and the relocation of the existing weighbridge. The proposed development may not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated as it is located within the Metropolitan Green Belt.

You may view this application at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

### PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

**KCC/SE/0243/2012 - Proposed development at Fordcombe C Of E Primary School, The Green, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0RY.**

The Governors of Fordcombe CE Primary School are applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission to construct a two storey extension to the existing reception classroom/staffroom. The proposal also includes a single storey adjoining toilet block and the extension of the existing canopy over the decked area to the rear of the reception classroom. The proposed development is within the Fordcombe Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a Listed Building.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG.

**Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.**

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

**Sharon Thompson**
**Head of Planning**
**Applications Group**
**Kent County Council**
**Dated: 26th August 2012**

## Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

**Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995**
**Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990**
**Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**
**Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004**

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

**CA//12/01127/FUL: 11A Vernon Place, Canterbury, CT1 3HG** Demolition of single-storey garage and erection of three-storey extension to front of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Griffiths** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01159/FUL: 8 Dane John Court, Canterbury, CT1 2RN** Installation of two 8 module photovoltaic arrays to south-eastern roofslope of Dane John Court. **Applicant: Caxtons Commercial Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01310/FUL: Canterbury College, New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AJ** Extensions to motor vehicle and motor sports buildings. **Applicant: Canterbury College** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01366/FUL: 9a High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AP** Replacement windows and doors, addition of hand rail and cladding to rear of first-floor flat. **Applicant: Mr Stanbury** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01376/FUL: 24A Westbere Lane, Westbere, CT2 0HH** Demolition of existing double garage and the erection of a two bay garage and gymnasium for domestic use. **Applicant: Mr C Rawke** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01378/FUL: Seaton Mill, Seaton Road, Ickham, CT3 1SL** Erection of detached garage with store. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Van de Vyver** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01423/FUL: The Old Rectory Stables, Rectory Lane, Barham, CT4 6PE** Change of use of former stables to detached dwelling with associated extensions and alterations. (Retrospective). **Applicant: Mr Richard Brown** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01424/FUL: Land at Woodside House, London Road, Harbledown, CT2 9AX** Erection of detached dwelling with associated parking and access. (Revised Scheme). **Applicant: Lockharts Sheds** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01426/FUL: The Nook, The Street, Womenswold, CT4 6HE** Installation of window at first floor level to side of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Mary Cook** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01430/FUL: Land south of Greenhill Road and Junction Road, Herne Bay, CT6 7RS** Change of use from agriculture to junior football pitches and allotments. **Applicant: Hollamby Estates (2005) Ltd** Reason: Major development.
**CA//12/01431/OUT: Land south of Greenhill Road and Junction Road, Herne Bay, CT6 7RS** Outline application for residential development of between 40-50 dwellings and public open space with access from Greenhill Road. **Applicant: Hollamby Estates (2005) Ltd** Reason: Major development.
**CA//12/01433/LB: Cherry Tree Cottage, Broadway, Petham, CT4 5RX** Internal alterations to listed building relating to conversion of two dwellings into single dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Rhodes** Reason: Work to a listed building.
**CA//12/01435/FUL: 5 Argyle Road, Whitstable, CT5 1JS** Erection of detached dwelling **Applicant: A E Ansley (Builders) Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01444/FUL: Meadow View, Canterbury Road, Herne, CT6 7JY** Erection of two storey extension to link detached annexe to main house. **Applicant: Mr T Wells** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01448/FUL: Upper Harbledown House, London Road, Upper Harbledown, CT2 9AT** Conversion of garage to games room/garden room and erection of detached double garage/carport. **Applicant: Mr G Scarfe** Reason: Conservation area.
**CA//12/01449/LB: Upper Harbledown House, London Road, Upper Harbledown, CT2 9AT** Alterations in connection with conversion of garage to games/garden room and erection of detached double garage/carport. **Applicant: Mr G Scarfe** Reason: Work to a listed building.
**CA//12/01456/ADV: 23 St George's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JT** Replacement non-illuminated fascia, hanging, vinyl and window signs. **Applicant: Superdrug** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 17 September 2012.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

**Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration**
**Friday 24 August 2012**

Folkestone

## THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

**Y12/0722/SH+** - Tin Tabernacle Portland Road Hythe Kent CT21 6FL - Listed building consent for the creation of an internal mezzanine floor and other internal alterations to the existing layout.

**Y12/0721/SH+** - Tin Tabernacle Portland Road Hythe Kent CT21 6FL - Change of use of part of hall to form an office (Class B1)

**Y12/0580/SH** - 10 Grimston Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2PS - Change of use from care home (Class C2) to 8 self-contained flats together with external alterations.

**Y12/0680/SH** - Sibton Park Longage Hill Lyminge Folkestone Kent - Listed building consent for alterations to the existing building to convert the existing reception and laundry area into an apartment, together with a single storey extension to the existing plant room to create a laundry.

**Y12/0679/SH** - Sibton Park Longage Hill Lyminge Folkestone Kent - Alterations to existing building to convert the existing reception area and laundry into an apartment, together with a single storey extension to the existing plant room to create a laundry and erection of a single storey detached reception building.

**Y12/0714/SH** - Tower Court 101 - 103 Sandgate High Street Sandgate Folkestone Kent - Installation of replacement uPVC windows and doors

**Y12/0724/SH+** - Bullaceton School Road Saltwood Hythe Kent - Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising the reduction of a Yew tree by approximately 2.5m in height and 1.2m in width and the reduction of a Portuguese Laurel by approximately 1.5m in height and 0.6m in width.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

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# PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

## PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AE663, GODMERSHAM AND CHILHAM**

**PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER (NUMBER 2) 2012**

The above Order made on the 15th August 2012 under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will add a new length of Public Bridleway numbered AE663, which commences from a point on Restricted Byway AE18 at grid reference TR 0766 5201 (Point A), East Stour Farm, before heading in a southerly direction for 467 metres to meet with Pope Street at grid reference TR 0753 5156 (Point B). The route then continues on the south side of Pope Street at grid reference TR 0751 5156 (Point C) in a south westerly direction for 919 metres before terminating at Eggarton Lane, grid reference TR 0695 5083 (Point D). The new length of Public Bridleway numbered AE663 is to be 3 metres wide, incorporating various trees temporarily constraining the available width (in 2012) to 2.1 metres in places.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

**Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 221568) (email: colin.finch@kent.gov.uk) not later than 24th September 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.**

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH EB12 IN DOVER**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATH EB12 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

**Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath EB12, between Melbourne Avenue and the junction with the Roman Road (NGR TR 316 435) from 10th September 2012.**

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 1st November 2012.

The path is to be closed to enable the completion of surface improvements and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

No alternative route is available.

For detailed enquiries please contact Colin Finch

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**
**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH EE153A (PART) PRESTON) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above named Order made on 18 July 2012 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered EE153A which commences at NGR TR 24772 60643 (Point A) and runs in a southerly direction for 93 metres to NGR TR 24779 60549 (Point B) and will provide a new length of public footpath numbered EE153A, which commences at NGR TR 24772 60643 (Point A) and runs in a south south westerly direction for 68 metres to NGR 24749 60579 (Point C), thence continues in a east south easterly direction for 10 metres to NGR TR 24759 60574 (Point D), thence in a south easterly direction for 27 metres to NGR TR 24774 60551 (Point E), thence in a east south easterly direction for 6 metres, to NGR 24779 60549 (Point B). Between Points A-C-D-E-B on the Order Plan the new length of public footpath has a width of 2.5 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

**Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Melvyn Twycross at the Kent County Council (address as below) not later than 26 September 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.**

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the order is sent to the Secretary of State for Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SD74 IN THE PARISH OF SWANLEY**

**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH SD74) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

**Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath SD74, between Leydenhatch Lane and the Alder Way (on the southern edge of Swanley Park) from the 16th August 2012.**

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 23rd October 2012.

The path is to be closed because there is a likelihood of danger to users due to earth moving operations.

The alternative route is east from Leydenhatch Lane along the south side of the hedge for 105 metres, then south for 210 metres and west for 80 metres rejoining the path at the entrance from the field north of Alder Way and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Mrs N Biddall

## PROW - IN THE BOROUGHOF SEVENOAKS

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER**
**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**
**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH SD335, WEST KINGSDOWN) DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2010**

On 6 August 2012 an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath which commences on Hever Avenue between properties numbered 10 and 12 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in a south-easterly direction for 64.0 metres; the path then turns in a south-westerly direction and runs for 28.4 metres, then it turns to run in a south-easterly direction again for 43.0 metres to its connection with Church Road (point D on the Order plan). (Between points A-B-C-D on the Order plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Sevenoaks District Council, Strategic Services, PO Box 183, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GN or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 6 August 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53 (2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 26 August 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

**Countryside Access Service**
**Kent County Council**
**Invicta House**
**County Hall**
**Maidstone**
**Kent ME14 1XX** **Date: 26 August 2012**

## PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 119**

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR32 (PART), UPCHURCH) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2010**

and will attend at:

**Committee Meeting Room, Upchurch Village Hall, Rear of The Crown Public House, The Street, Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 7AJ**

**On Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 10.00am**

To hold a hearing into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to divert the full width of that length of Public Footpath ZR32 which commences on public footpath ZR31 at NGR TQ 8503 6854, to the south-west of 1 Callows Cottages (point A on the plan attached to the Order) and passes in an east-south-easterly direction for 85 metres and thence in a south-south-easterly direction for 213 metres to its connection with public footpath ZR2 at NGR TQ 8519 6832 (point B on the plan attached to the Order), to a new length of Public Footpath ZR32, with a width of 2 metres. The new route commences initially at the aforementioned point A and runs for 42 metres over the existing line of ZR31. The new length of public footpath ZR32 then commences on public footpath ZR31 at NGR TQ 8505 6838, to the north of 3 Callows Cottages (point C on the plan attached to the Order), and passes in an east-south-easterly direction for 50 metres, thence in a south-westerly direction for 10 metres, and thence in an east-south-easterly direction for 149 metres to its connection with public footpath ZR2 at NGR TQ 8523 6849 (point D on the plan attached to the Order), 189 metres north of the aforementioned point B.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Public Rights of Way, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX between 10.00 and 16.00. Please telephone Mrs Maria McLauchlan on 01622 696871 to make an appointment.

**Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/W2275/4/37**

**Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Clive Richards, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/25, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.**

**Tel: 0117 372 8626 Email: clive.richards@pins.gsi.gov.uk**

*This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.*

**For further information, please contact Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess**

Kent County Council



# HIGHWAYS

## PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING EVENT - BRANDS HATCH

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING EVENT -**
**(TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006**

In the interests of road safety during the Paralympic Road Cycling Event, Kent County Council has made an Order to restrict traffic in the vicinity of Brands Hatch, as shown below.

The restrictions will be in force from Monday 3 September 2012 at 4.30 am until Saturday 8 September 2012 at 11.30 pm (unless otherwise stated) or until the event is completed and the highway is safe.

The restrictions are detailed below, and will be in force when indicated by the relevant traffic signs and barriers.

**ROAD CLOSURES**

The following roads will be closed, as defined below.

**A20 LONDON ROAD, FARNINGHAM / WEST KINGSDOWN** - from approximately 25 metres north west of the junction with Scratchers Lane south-eastwards to a point immediately north of High Elms (Blewers Timber and Panel Products).

The alternative route is via A20 London Road, A225 Eynsford Road, High Street, Station Road, Shoreham Road, Station Road, Sevenoaks Road, Otford Road, A25 Seal Road, High Street, Maidstone Road, Sevenoaks Road, Ightham Bypass, Borough Green Road, Sevenoaks Road, Maidstone Road and A20 London Road.

**GABRIEL SPRING ROAD** - from the junction with A20 London Road to where it becomes Scratchers Lane

**SCRATCHERS LANE, FAWKHAM** - from the junction with Gabriel Spring Road to the junction with Brands Hatch Road (i.e. for its entire length).

**FAWKHAM ROAD, WEST KINGSDOWN** - from the junction with Brands Hatch Road to a point immediately north of Westfield Cottages.

**THREE GATES ROAD, FAWKHAM** - closed at a point immediately north of the M20 Overbridge.

**BRANDS HATCH ROAD, FAWKHAM** - closed between the junction with Scratchers Lane / Fawkham Road to the junction with Rogers Wood Lane, with no access to Scratchers Lane or Fawkham Road.

**BRIDLEPATH MR224** -closed from the A20 London Road, Farningham for its entire length, from midday on Tuesday 4 September until Saturday 8 September 2012 at 11.30 pm.

**SPEED LIMITS**

**A20 LONDON ROAD, WROTHAM** - Temporary Mandatory Speed Limits will be imposed in both directions of the A20 London Road, Wrotham, as detailed below.

A 40mph speed limit will be imposed on A20 London Road, Wrotham, from the roundabout junction with the M20 off-slip / Old Coach Road (M20 junction 2A) northwards for approximately 175 metres.

A 20mph speed limit will be imposed on A20 London Road, Wrotham from a point 175 metres north of the junction with the M20 off-slip to the junction with Labour-in-Vain Road

A 40mph speed limit will be imposed on A20 London Road, Wrotham from the junction with Labour-In-Vain Road north eastwards to the existing speed limit signs immediately north of the junction with Terry's Lodge Road.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING EVENT -**
**(WAITING RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC**

In the interests of road safety during the Paralympic Road Cycling Event, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit waiting on roads in the vicinity of Brands Hatch, as shown below.

The restrictions will be in force from Sunday 2 September 2012 at 4.30 am until Saturday 8 September 2012 at 11.30 pm, except where otherwise stated.

Waiting, Loading and Unloading will be prohibited at all times on the roads listed below.

These restrictions also apply to all verges adjacent to the lengths of road indicated.

The restrictions will be in force when indicated by the relevant signs and / or No Waiting cones.

**SCRATCHERS LANE, FAWKHAM** - for its entire length.

**FAWKHAM ROAD, WEST KINGSDOWN** - from the junction with Brands Hatch Road to the junction with Warland Road.

**THREE GATES ROAD** - from the junction with Scratchers Lane to a point immediately to the north of the M20 Overbridge

**GABRIEL SPRING ROAD** - from the junction with A20 London Road to the junction with Scratchers Lane

**A20 LONDON ROAD, WROTHAM** - southbound carriageway, on the lay-by adjacent to Tower Industrial Estate and on the 2 bus lay-bys further to the south of this, each with the exception of buses.

The A20 London Road restriction applies from Tuesday 4 September 2012 at midday until Saturday 8 September 2012 at 11.30 pm

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**A224 LONDON ROAD & ST BOTOLPH'S ROAD, SEVENOAKS (WAITING RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006**

To allow for the provision of a temporary bus service from Sevenoaks Railway Station to the Paralympic Road Cycling Event at Brands Hatch, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit waiting on A224 London Road and St Botolph's Road, Sevenoaks, as shown below.

The restrictions will be in force from Tuesday 4 September 2012 at 10.00 pm through until Saturday 8 September at 11.30 pm.

Waiting, Loading and Unloading will be prohibited at all times on the sections of roads listed below, with the exception of buses involved in providing the shuttle service.

**A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS** - on the northeast side, from a point 7 metres southeast of the southern boundary of 6 Station Parade, north-westwards to a point 3 metres northwest of the boundary of 3 & 4 Station Parade.

**ST BOTOLPH'S ROAD, SEVENOAKS** - on the north side, from the boundary of 13 & 15 St Botolph's Road, eastwards for a distance of 14 metres, and from a point 20 metres east of the boundary of 13 & 15 St Botolph's Road eastwards for a distance of 15 metres.

The restrictions will be in force when indicated by the relevant signs and / or No Waiting cones.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING EVENT -**
**(ONE-WAY RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006**

In the interests of road safety during the Paralympic Road Cycling Event, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose one-way traffic restrictions on roads in the vicinity of Brands Hatch, as shown below.

The restrictions will be in force from Monday 3 September 2012 at 4.30 am until Saturday 8 September 2012 at 11.30 pm, or until considered safe to remove them, and will be indicated by signage on site.

**BOTSOM LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN** - eastbound traffic will be prohibited for the entire length, so that the road will become one-way, westbound only (i.e. towards Knatts Valley Road)

**KNATTS LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN** - westbound traffic will be prohibited for the entire length, so that the road will become one-way eastbound only (i.e. towards School Lane)

**SCHOOL LANE, SOUTH DARENTH** - west / north bound traffic will be prohibited from the junction with Three Gates Road to the National Speed Limit Sign, so that this section of the road will become one-way, in a southeasterly direction (i.e. towards Three Gates Road)

**MUSSENDEN LANE, SOUTH DARENTH** - south-east bound traffic will be prohibited for the entire length, so that the road will become one-way in a north-westerly direction (i.e. towards Eglantine Lane / Lombard Street)

**SPEEDGATE (HILL), FAWKHAM** - westbound traffic will be prohibited for the entire length, so that the road will become one-way eastbound only (i.e. towards Valley Road)

**SUN HILL, FAWKHAM** - eastbound traffic will be prohibited from a point to the west of the entrance to The Rising Sun car park, westwards for the remainder of the road, so that the road will become one-way, westbound only (i.e. towards Three Gates Road)

## HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

**BEDLAM LANE, SMARDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to replace a culvert, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bedlam Lane, Smarden, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Badgers and Box Farm, with no access for through traffic.

The alternative route is via Crockenhill Road, Mundy Bois Road, Smarden Bell Road and Headcorn Road.

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**CHILHAM MILL & MYSTOLE LANE LEVEL CROSSINGS, CHILHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chilham Mill & Mystole Lane Level Crossings, Chilham, as shown below.

**MILL LANE, CHILHAM** will be closed at the level crossing from Sunday 16 September 2012 at 7.00 am through until Monday 17 September at 4.00 am.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

**MYSTOLE LANE, CHILHAM** (Pickelden Lane) will be closed at the level crossing from Sunday 16 September 2012 at 1.10 am through until Monday 17 September at 4.00 am.

The alternative route is via A28 Canterbury Road, Shalmsford Street, Thruxted Lane, Mystole Road and Pickleden Lane.

## HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

**BOYDEN GATE HILL, CHISLET**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of kerb modification works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Boyden Gate Hill, Chislet, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Poachers End Cottages, in the vicinity of the junction with Highstead.

The alternative route is via Highstead, Ford Hill, Maypole Road, Old Tree Road, Church Lane and Boyden Gate Hill.

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**BROAD OAK ROAD, CANTERBURY**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of remedial carriageway surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 3 nights, between 7.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed from the junction with Stonebridge Road, for a distance of 70 metres south-westwards.

There will be no access for through traffic between Kingsmead Road and Vauxhall Road.

The alternative route is via B2248 Kingsmead Road, A28 Sturry Road, Vauxhall Road and Broad Oak Road.

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**DRILL LANE, ICKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Drill Lane, Ickham, on or after 30 August 2012 for up to 3 working days (with the road re-opened over the weekend).

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Wickham Road and Wickham Lane.

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**HATCH LANE & NEW TOWN STREET, CHARTHAM**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hatch Lane & New Town Street, Chartham, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 5 months, as shown below.

**HATCH LANE, CHARTHAM HATCH** will be closed from 28 August for up to 2 months.

There will be no through access between New Town Street and Town Lane

The alternative route is via New Town Street, Howfield Lane and Town Lane.

**NEW TOWN STREET, CHARTHAM HATCH** will be closed from 29 October 2012 for up to 3 months.

The alternative route is via Howfield Lane, Town Lane and Hatch Lane

The dates of the phases are approximate guidelines which may vary subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

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**IFFIN LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Iffin Lane, Canterbury, on or after 12 September 2012 for up to 3 days, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative routes are as follows

Whilst closed between Chartham Downs Road & Merton Lane, via Chartham Downs Road, Faussett Hill, Nackington Road, Merton Lane and Stuppington Lane

Whilst closed between Merton Lane and New House Lane, via Stuppington Lane, Nunnery Fields, Old Dover Road, A28 Rhodaus Town, Pin Hill, Wincheap and Hollow Lane

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**KIRBY'S LANE, CANTERBURY**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works in connection with a new residential development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Kirby's Lane, Canterbury, on or after 10 September 2012 until July 2013, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the rear of 6/8 Station Road.

There will be no access for through traffic; however access remains from either end of Kirby's Lane up to the point of closure.

The alternative route is via St Dunstan's Street and Station Road West.

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**MOLEHILL ROAD, CHESTFIELD**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Molehill Road, Chestfield, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Thornden Wood Road, Greenhill Road, A2990 Thanet Way and Chestfield Road.

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**ST PETER'S LANE, CANTERBURY**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable phone ducting works to be carried out in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Peter's Lane, Canterbury, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with St Peter's Street.

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**VICTORIA PARK, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Victoria Park, Herne Bay, on or after 29 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Between Fenoulhet Way and Canterbury Road.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, B2205 High Street and Cavendish Road.

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# HIGHWAYS

**WATLING STREET, CANTERBURY**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new customer phone connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting southbound traffic on Watling Street, Canterbury, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 7.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed to southbound traffic between St George's Lane and the A28 Rhodaus Lane / Upper Bridge Street.

The alternative route is via St George's Lane and St George's Street.

The order restricting the use of St George's Lane to buses and taxis will be suspended to allow its use as a diversion.

Northbound traffic is unaffected.

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**WESTBROOK LANE, HERNE BAY**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of trial excavations in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Westbrook Lane, Herne Bay, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 3 nights, between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The road will be closed between Sea Street and the entrance to the Recycling Centre.

There is no alternative route. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

## HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD)**
**(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)**
**(CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO. 12)**
**ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

The KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1) and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

**Schedule**
**(No waiting at any time)**

| Road | Parish/Town | Length of Restriction |
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| Chastilian Road | Dartford | On the south westerly side from a point 9 metres northeast of its junction with Knole Road to a poit 9 metres southwest of its junction with Knole Road. |
| Keary Road | Swanscombe | On the western side from a point 12 metres north of its junction with Munford Drive to a point 12 metres southwest of its junction with Munford Drive. |
| Knole Road | Dartford | On both sides from a point 9 metres south of its junction with Chastilian Road to its junction with Chastilian Road. |
| Lewis Road | Swanscombe and Greenhithe | On the south and western side from a point in line with the shared boundary of properties 10 and 11, in a southerly direction for a distance of 15 metres. |
| Leyton Cross Road | Wilmington | On the south eastern side from a point 12 metres northeast of its junction with the south western access road to Tredegar Road to a point 12 metres southwest of its junction with the south western access road to Tredegar Road. |
| Maplehurst Close | Wilmington | On both sides from its junction with Pinewood Place in a north westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres. |
| Munford Drive | Swanscombe | On both sides from a point 12 metres west of its junction with Keary Road in an easterly direction to its junction with Keary Road. |
| Norman Road | Dartford | On its southern and western side from a point between Houses No.8 and 10 Norman Road in an easterly then southerly direction for 16 metres. |
| Oakfield Lane | Wilmington | On both sides from a point 21 metres west of the roundabout junction with Pinewood Place in an easterly direction for a distance of 69 metres. |
| Pinewood Place | Wilmington | On both sides from its junction with Oakfield Lane to a point 15 metres north of Chaple Walk. |
| Powder Mill Lane | Dartford | On the north western side, from a point 18 metres south west of the access between buildings 77-78 and 76 to a point 40 metres north east of the access. |
| The south western access road to Tredegar Road | Wilmington | (i) On the north eastern side from a point 10 metres south of its junction with Leyton Cross Road to its junction with Leyton Cross Road and (ii) On the south western side from a point 12 metres south of its junction with Leyton Cross Road to its junction with Leyton Cross Road. |

Full details of the Order which comes into operation 3rd September 2012, an explanatory statement and a map illustrating the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours in the offices of the Dartford Borough Council Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR and Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

## HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

**BEAUTE LANE, STAPLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beaute Lane, Staple, on or after 30 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A257 Roman Road up to and including the junction with Rusham Road.

The alternative route is via A257 Roman Road, Preston Hill, Nash Road and Rusham Road.

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**COMMON LANE & VALLEY ROAD, RIVER**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Common Lane & Valley Road, River, on or after 12 September 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

**COMMON LANE, RIVER** will be closed from 12 September 2012 for up to 3 days

The closure is from the junction with Lower Road to and including the junction with Valley Road

The alternative routes are

Southbound via Lower Road, Valley Road, Byllan Road and Lewisham Road

Northbound via Lewisham Road, Minnis Lane and Lower Rd

**VALLEY ROAD, RIVER** will be closed in 2 phases, as follows

**Phase 1** - Between the junctions with Lower Road and Byllan Road, from 17 September for up to 2 days

The alternative routes are

Westbound via Lower Rd, Crabble Lane, Lewisham Road and Byllan Rd

Eastbound via Lewisham Road, Common Lane and Lower Road

**Phase 2** - Between the junctions with Common Lane and Byllan Road from 19 September for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via Common Lane, Lewisham Road and Byllan Road

## HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM AREA

**NORWOOD LANE, MEOPHAM**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Essential carriageway patching and drainage works , Kent County Council intends to made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Norwood Lane, Meopham , on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with from Nursery Road to Wrotham Road .

The alternative route is via Wrotham Road, Green Lane, Camer Road and Norwood Lane.

## HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

**BLUE BELL HILL CHATHAM ROAD AND ROYAL**
**ENGINEERS ROAD**
**BOXLEY AND MAIDSTONE**

**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**

**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

Because of the refreshing of road markings and replacement of reflective road studs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chatham Road and Royal Engineers Road, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 nights between 21.00 and 05.00 or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the southbound off slip to Cobtree roundabout, to the Southbound on Slip to Royal Engineers Road

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with the southbound off slip to Cobtree roundabout and the Southbound on Slip to Royal Engineers Road.

The alternative route is via Southbound off Slip to Cobtree Roundabout, Southbound slip

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**CHURCH ROAD, CHART SUTTON**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Chart Sutton, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Warmlake Road and Chart Road.

The alternative route is via Church Road, Chart Road, Chart Hill Road, Warmlake Road.

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**FAVERSHAM ROAD, LENHAM**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to carry out carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Faversham Road, Lenham, on or after 2 September 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with A20 Ashford Road

The alternative route is via The Street, Ringlestone Road, Hollingbourne Hill, Upper Street, Eyhorne Street and Ashford Road.

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**B2162 HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repair works to Twyford Bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2162 Hampstead Lane, Yalding, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at Twyford Bridge.

The alternative route is via B2015 Maidstone Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, B2163 Teston Lane, B2010 Lower Road, Smith Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street, B2162 Benover Road, Hampstead Lane.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)**
**(SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR)**
**ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2 (1) to 3, 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2) 32 (1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

A. The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) (School Keep Clear) Order 2012 shall have effect in Schedules 1 and 2 as though -

**SCHEDULE 1**

PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 15:30PM

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| Church Hill | Western side - Across the frontage of the Boughton Monchelsea Primary School | That length of Church Hill that extends from the existing double yellow line restriction located 14 metres south of its junction with B2163 Heath Road for a distance of 43 metres in a southerly direction. |

**SCHEDULE 2**

PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 9:00AM OR BETWEEN 14:30PM AND 16:00PM

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| Vinters Road | Northern side - Eastborough Primary School | Those lengths which extends across the north western and south eastern entrances to the Eastborough Primary School. for a distance a 26 metres. |

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Anyone wishing to support or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 8th October 2012.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Kent County Council
Sessions House
Maidstone

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**SEED ROAD, OTTERDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seed Road, Otterden, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 15 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from Rhode Farm to Rhode Fruit Farm.

The alternative route is via Slade Road, Lady Margaret Manor Road, Frangbury.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS (PART), DISTRICT OF MAIDSTONE)**
**(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES)**
**ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:-

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicles' on the following length of road or lengths of road:

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| Clapper Farm Lane, Staplehurst | That length of Clapper Farm Lane which extends from a point 230 metres north of its junction with Marden Road to a point 670 metres northwest of its junction with Marden Road. |
| Sutton Road, Shepway | That length of Sutton Road which extends from its junction with Nottingham Avenue to its junction with A274 Sutton Road in a north-westerly direction. |

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, Kings Street, Maidstone, ME14 4LZ during normal opening times.

If you wish to support or object to the new proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 8th October 2012.

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**VICARAGE ROAD, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Vicarage Road, Yalding, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside a the property "Wolverely".

The alternative route is via West Street, Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, B2163 Heath Road/Ewell Lane, Smith's Hill, B2010 Yalding Hill.

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**WATER LANE, HEADCORN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repair works to Stephen's Bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, Headcorn, on or after 29 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the bridge.

The alternative route is via New House Lane, Waterman Quarters, Bletchenden Road, A274 Biddenden Road/Biddenden Lane/Wheeler Street/Station Road/High Street/North Street/Moat Road.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

**The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 27th August 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.**

**Schedule**

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| **Road Name:** | Bockingford Lane, Tovil |
| **Extent:** | Hayle Mill Lane to Straw Mill Hill |
| **Dates:** | Start: 27th August 2012<br>End: 28th August 2012 |
| **Diversion:** | Hayle Mill Lane, Cave Hill, Straw Mill Hill, Stockett Lane |
| **Road Name:** | A229 Staplehurst Road/Maidstone Road, Marden |
| **Extent:** | Stilebridge Lane to Chart Hill Road |
| **Dates:** | Start: 3rd September 2012<br>End: 17th September 2012 |
| **Diversion:** | Temporary 30mph speed restriction |
| **Road Name:** | Laceys Lane, Linton |
| **Extent:** | Barnes Road to Redwall Lane |
| **Dates:** | Start: 10th September 2012<br>End: 24th September 2012 |
| **Diversion:** | Barnes Lane, Wheelers Lane, A229 Linton Hill, Redwall Lane |
| **Road Name:** | Rigshill Road, Otterden |
| **Extent:** | Bunce Court Road to Stalisfield Road |
| **Dates:** | Start: 17th September 2012<br>End: 1st October 2012 |
| **Diversion:** | Stalisfield Road, Hart Hill, A20 Maidstone Road/Ashford Road, Hubbards Hill, Bunce Court Road |

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway patching works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call John Reynolds on 08458 247 800.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

install a 40mph speed limit in Beecham Bank Road and Boxley Road, Boxley as previously advertised as THE KCC (BEECHAN BANK ROAD AND BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012. The Order also makes a minor amendment to the wording in the The Kent County Council (Various Roads, The Borough of Maidstone) (20mph, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph Speed Limits and Derestricted Roads) Consolidation Order 2012 in respect to A229 Chatham Road, Boxley

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 28/08/2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders

## HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

**CROWHURST LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of installation of new kerb lines, footpaths and resurfacing of road to new housing development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crowhurst Lane, West Kingsdown, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Forge Lane and Billett Hill.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Junction of Forge Lane to the junction of Billett Hill .

The alternative route is via: Forge Lane, A20 London Road, Fawkham Road, Brands Hatch Road, Fawkham Green Road.

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**EAST HILL ROAD, WEST KINGSDOWN, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce due to the road being too narrow for a rig to be put in place, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on East Hill Road, West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, on or after 14th September 2012 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Meadow Wood.

There will be no access for through traffic at East Hill Road.

The alternative route is not applicable as this is a dead end road.

## HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

**DOUGLAS AVENUE, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Douglas Avenue, Hythe, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with the A259 Prospect Road.

The alternative route is via A259 Prospect Road and High Street.

The Order prohibiting driving along High Street, Hythe between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm will be suspended, whilst Bank Street is closed.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Douglas Avenue will be temporarily suspended to allow access up to the point of closure.

## HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

**TUNSTALL ROAD, TUNSTALL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tunstall Road, Tunstall, on or after 31 August 2012 for up to 5 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Bredgar Road and The Oast (in the vicinity of Tunstall Primary School).

The alternative route is via Hearts Delight Road, Bannister Hill, Borden Lane, Homewood Avenue, Ufton Lane, Gore Court Road, Woodstock Road and Tunstall Road.

The section of road affected is currently shown as Hearts Delight Road on the National Street Gazetteer, but in all common usage appears to be part of Tunstall Road.

## HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

**CHANDOS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chandos Road, Broadstairs, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Oscar Road.

The alternative route is via Oscar Road, Victoria Parade and Chandos Square.

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**CINDER PATH, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cinder Path, Broadstairs, on or after 30 August 2012 for up to 2 days, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed between numbers 1 and 11.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Clarendon Road.

Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

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**THE LENGTH, ST NICHOLAS AT WADE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new gas supply to Alpha Cottage, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Length, St Nicholas at Wade, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Sea View Cottages and Elder Cottage, with no through access.

The alternative route is via Manor Road and A28 Canterbury Road.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF THANET) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to replace three existing orders that were previously made under the titles listed below. This Order does not implement or change any speed limits already installed on the public highway: - THE KCC (READING STREET STREET BROADSTAIRS) 20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011, THE KCC (NETHERCOURT HILL RAMSGATE) (RESTRICTED ROAD TRAFFIC) ORDER 11 AND THE KCC (HIGH STREET AND MARKET STREET MARGATE) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 28/08/2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders..

## HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING

**CASTLE WAY & OXLEY SHAW LANE, LEYBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Way & Oxley Shaw Lane, Leybourne, on or after 2 September 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic on Castle Way between the junctions of A20 London Road and Pump Close and there will be no access on Oxley Shaw Lane from A20 London Road.

The alternative route for Castle Way is via A20 London Road westbound, turn at roundabout junction Town Hill, A20 London Road eastbound and for Oxley Shaw Lane is via A20 London Road westbound, turn at roundabout junction Town Hill, A20 London Road eastbound, Castle Way, Lillieburn.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A20 LONDON ROAD, RYARSH, TONBRIDGE & MALLING) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1) and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:-

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 'Prohibition of Waiting' Mon - Fri between 10.30am - 12.30pm on the following length of road:

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| A20 London Road, Ryarsh | Both Sides | From its junction with Birling Road to its junction with Town Hill in a south easterly direction |

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ,

between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Offices, The Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4LZ during normal opening times.

If you wish to support or object to the new proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 08th October 2012.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Kent County Council
Sessions House
Maidstone

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**RYARSH LANE, WEST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to a ragstone wall and carriageway patching patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ryarsh Lane, West Malling, on or after 1 and 8 September 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed its full length.

**For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Kent County Council

## HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

**ROSEMARY LANE, GOUDHURST**
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rosemary Lane, Goudhurst, on or after 10 September 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from A21 London Road to the East Sussex border.

The alternative route is via B2087 High Street Flimwell, A21 London Road.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)**
**(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)**
**AMENDMENT NO. 1 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to include these roads in the consolidated speed limit order for Tunbridge Wells. This will not alter any speed limits on the Public Highway

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 28/08/2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the KCC Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders..

## HIGHWAYS - In the County of Kent

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, KENT)**
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC, PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN & REVOKING OF ONE-WAY ORDER)**
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule below.

The Order will become effective on 1st August 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The dates shown in the schedules are anticipated dates however actual work dates will be displayed by signage on site 14 days in advance. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the restrictions are also stated in the attached schedules.

**Schedule**

**Gravesham**

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| Road Name: | Springhead Road Northfleet Gravesham |
| Extent: | Northern Direction: Railway bridge south to Thames Way Roundabout: Southern Direction: 50m South of Thames Way Roundabout to Springhead ENT PK. |
| Date: | 12th September 2012 - 17th September 2012 19:00 - 05:00 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | Springhead Road, Hall Road, Perry Street, Dover Road, Thames Way and London Road |
| Road Name: | Overcliffe Northfleet Gravesham |
| Extent: | St. James's Street to Bath Street. |
| Date: | 28th August 2012 - 4th September 2012 19:00 - 00:00 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | Bath Street, West Street and Thames Way. |
| Road Name: | London Road Northfleet Gravesham |
| Extent: | Rural Vale to St Mark's Ave. |
| Date: | 17th September 2012 - 20th September 2012 09:30 - 15:30 |
| Diversion: | Thames Way, Stonebridge Way and The Hill. |
| Road Name: | Hall Road Northfleet Gravesham |
| Extent: | Approach to Roundabout |
| Date: | 20th September 2012 - 28th September 2012 22:30 - 05:00 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | A2 Watling Street, Wrotham Road, Coldharbour Road, Perry Street, Dover Road and Thames Way |
| Road Name: | Valley Drive Gravesend Gravesham |
| Extent: | Whitehill Lane to Valley Drive Roundabout (Lorry Park Entrance) |
| Date: | 27th September 2012 - 8th October 2012 09:30 - 15:30 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | Hever Court Road, Singlewell Road, Old Road East and Valley Drive |

**Maidstone**

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| Road Name: | Heath Road Boughton Monchelsea Maidstone |
| Extent: | A274 Sutton road to A229 Linton Road |
| Date: | 4th September 2012 - 5th September 2012 19:00 - 00:00 |
| Diversion: | Linton Road, Loose Road and Sutton Road. |
| Road Name: | Lower Street Leeds Maidstone |
| Extent: | Ashford Road Roundabout to Leeds Road |
| Date: | 23rd August 2012 - 23rd August 2012 09:30 - 15:30 |
| Diversion: | Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road. |
| Road Name: | Penfold Hill Leeds Maidstone |
| Extent: | Ashford Road Roundabout to Leeds Road |
| Date: | 24th August 2012 - 24th August 2012 09:30 - 15:30 |
| Diversion: | Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road. |
| Road Name: | Staceys Street Maidstone |
| Extent: | Approach to Roundabout |
| Date: | 5th September 2012 - 7th September 2012 20:00 - 00:00 |
| Diversion: | Staceys Street, Chatham Road, Sandling Road and Boxley Road |
| Road Name: | Hampstead Lane Yalding Maidstone |
| Extent: | Railway Bridge in a North Easterly direction for approximately 100m |
| Date: | 3rd September 2012 - 4th September 2012 09:30 - 15:30 |
| Diversion: | Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Boyle Way, Branbridges Road, Beltring Road, Gravelly Ways and Leeds Road. |
| Road Name: | Smiths Hill Maidstone |
| Extent: | Hunt Street to Ewell Lane |
| Date: | 5th September 2012 - 7th September 2012 09:30 - 15:30 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street, Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Bow Road, Tonbridge Road and Teston Lane |

**Dartford**

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| Road Name: | Princes Road Dartford |
| Extent: | At its Junction with Heath Lane Lower and Heath Lane Upper |
| Date: | 12th September 2012 - 17th September 2012 09:30 - 15:30 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | Heath Lane Lower Closure: Heath Lane Lower, Highfield Road South and Princes Road. Heath Lane Upper Closure: Heath Lane Upper, Oakfield Lane, Old Bexley Lane and Princes Road |
| Road Name: | Main Road Longfield/Green Street Green Road Dartford |
| Extent: | Canada Farm Road (on Green Street Green Road) to Station Road (on Main Road) |
| Date: | 10th September 2012 - 13th September 2012 09:30 - 15:30 |
| Diversion: | Whitehill Road, Green Street Green Road, Trolling Down Hill, Green Street Green Road, Princes Road, Watling Street and New Barn Road. |
| Road Name: | Bob Dunn Way Dartford |
| Extent: | Joyce Green Roundabout & Thames Road Roundabout |
| Date: | 6th September 2012 - 25th September 2012 19:00 - 06:00 (not including the weekends) |
| Diversion: | Burnham Road, The Brent, London Road and Crossways Boulevard. |

**Sevenoaks**

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| Road Name: | London Road Dunton Green Sevenoaks |
| Extent: | A224 Morants Court Road to Barrett's Road |
| Date: | 29th October 2012 - 31st October 2012 21:00 - 05:00 |
| Diversion: | London Road, Worships Hill, Main Road, Ovenden Road, Sundridge Road, Morants Court Road |
| Road Name: | London Road Sevenoaks |
| Extent: | Oak Hill Road to The Drive |
| Date: | 17th September 2012 - 20th September 2012 09:30 - 15:30 |
| Diversion: | London Road, Amherst Hill, London Road, Bradbourne Vale Road, St. John's Hill, Dartford Road, Pembroke Road and London Road. |

**Tunbridge Wells**

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| Road Name: | Town Hill Lamberhurst Tunbridge Wells |
| Extent: | Furnace Lane to The Broadway |
| Date: | 20th September 2012 - 25th September 2012 09:30 - 17:00 |
| Diversion: | Spray Hill and The Down. |
| Road Name: | Tudeley Road Tunbridge Wells |
| Extent: | Somer Hill to Hartlake Road |
| Date: | 31st October 2012 - 2nd November 2012 0930 - 1530 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | Woodgate Way, Pembury Road, Hastings Road, Pembury Northern Bypass, Maidstone Road, Badsell Road and Five Oak Green Road. |
| Road Name: | Mount Ephraim Tunbridge Wells |
| Extent: | Royal Wells Hotel to London Road |
| Date: | 2nd November 2012 - 6th November 2012 19:00 - 00:00 (not including the weekend) |
| Diversion: | London Road, Church Road and Mount Ephraim. |
| Road Name: | Crescent Road Tunbridge Wells |
| Extent: | Calverley Road to Calverley Park |
| Date: | 6th November 2012 - 7th November 2012 19:00 - 00:00 |
| Diversion: | Calverley Road, Monson Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Crescent Road. |
| Road Name: | Calverley Road Tunbridge Wells |
| Extent: | Calverley Street to Crescent Road |
| Date: | 8th November 2012 - 9th November 2012 19:00 - 00:00 |
| Diversion: | Crescent Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Monson Road. Revoking of One-Way Order |
| Road Name: | Garden Street, Tunbridge Wells |
| Extent: | Calverley Street to Calverley Road |
| Date: | 8th and 9th November 2012 19:00 to 00:00 |
| Diversion: | Via Garden Street |

**Tonbridge and Malling**

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| Road Name: | Holborough Road, Snodland |
| Extent: | Constitution Hill to A228 Snodland By-pass |
| Date: | Monday 29th October to Wednesday 14th November 2012 19:00 - 05:00 |
| Diversion: | Malling Road, A228 Ham Hill Roundabout and A228 Snodland By-pass |
| Road Name: | Malling Road, Snodland |
| Extent: | A228 Snodland Bypass to Hollow Lane |
| Date: | Monday 29th October to Wednesday 14th November 2012 19:00 - 05:00 |
| Diversion: | Malling Road, Holborough Road, A228 Snodland Bypass, Ladds Lane Roundabout, A228 Snodland Bypass and Ham Hill Roundabout. |

**Prohibition of Right Turn**

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| Road Name: | A228 Snodland By-Pass (southbound), Snodland |
| Location: | Prohibition of right turn into Holborough Road, Snodland |
| Date: | Monday 29th October to Wednesday 14th November 2012 19:00 - 05:00 |
| Diversion: | A228 Snodland By-pass, Ham Hill Roundabout and Malling Road |

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Surfacing works to be undertaken by Kent County Council Highways

**John Burr**
**Director Kent Highways**
**Invicta House**
**County Hall,**
**Maidstone**
**Kent ME14 1XQ** **Dated 26th August 2012**

**For further information, please contact**
**Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,**
**on 08458 247 800 (local rate)**
**or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

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**LOUISE** young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389**

**TINA** young 64, smoker, GSOH, loving, caring, likes animals, meals out, seeks male for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 394201**

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THE INTERVIEW

Geoff Bell

# Your face on the silver screen?

## **Nick Ames** meets the man helping to put aspiring actors' careers on course

A LAST-MINUTE glitch hit multi-Oscar-winning director Peter Jackson's latest film.

The Hobbit – An Unexpected Journey has a key scene in which Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) confronts three evil trolls in a forest.

But when the scene was played back, the New Zealand accents of the bad guys of Middle Earth were just not scary enough.

Actor Geoff Bell explained: "In the original book [by Lord of the Rings writer JRR Tolkien] they speak a kind of cockney.

"So the word was out – and every British actor who could speak in a cockney accent went up to London to try out and see if they could get the voice-overs."

Bell had a go, as did his actor friend and former mentor Brian Croucher, who lives just outside Dover.

"We'll find out whether we were successful in a week or so," said Croucher.

The pair spoke to Kent Weekend outside the Royal Hotel, Deal, close to the Astor theatre, where Bell is looking to run a screen-acting course and bring on Kent's untapped talent.

The classes are scheduled to start next month and auditions are open to all.

"Anyone, any age, can come and try out," said Bell, whose screen credits include Steven Spielberg's War Horse; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy; Brighton Rock; Green Street; Mike Bassett: England Manager and The Business.

"So far there are a whole lot of different age ranges interested. It's open to women who have just had children, or those in middle age looking for something new. On-screen roles are there for all ages.

"It's something I want to do during the winter months. Screen-acting is a whole different discipline to stage-acting. Things like keeping still and keeping continuity between shots are so important.

"On camera it's the eyes that tell the story – they tell the truth and show the emotion when the shots are close up.

"There's the confidence as well – some parts of the profession are really open warfare."

EastEnders and Blake's 7 star Croucher added: "There are all sorts of parts out there as well – someone has to play the smaller roles that make Clint Eastwood look great.



"But you've got to like to be in front of people. You have to have that need to perform. It's deep inside you – maybe something that you don't quite understand."

The pair met when Croucher was running acting classes at Morley College in London and Bell came along for an audition.

"I was 29 or 30 and running a cleaning company," said Bell. "But when I was around 10, I used to do old-school stand-up. I'd do these impressions – Norman Wisdom, Columbo, Frank Spencer – and I'd work with my grandad, a Romany gypsy who played country and blues music. He was my inspiration. We'd do the pubs around Peckham, enter all the talent competitions and we'd clean up.

"I grew up watching old films, The Marx Brothers, Laurel and Hardy... my children watch them now and don't realise they are close to 100 years old.

"When I met Brian, I knew nothing at all about the business. He told me to learn some lines and I went away and did just that. They were from Bouncers, a John Godber play."

Bell says preparation is key to making an acting career a success.

"It's a craft – a science even – and I must have put in 10,000 hours of work," he said. "And now I feel I'm at the top of my game."

Bell's role in War Horse, an epic tale of an animal caught in the carnage of the trenches of the First World War, is that of Sgt Sam Perkins, a British Army horse-trainer.

The film was nominated for six Academy Awards, including best picture, two Golden Globe Awards and five BAFTAs.

His scenes were filmed at Wellington Barracks, Basingstoke, and the Wiltshire village of Castle Coombe, which doubled up for Dartmoor.

"When I went to audition for the part, Spielberg was there, in the room. I was told to take the script outside and have a look. 'You're talking to a horse,' he said. I was told I'd hear whether I'd been successful in a couple of weeks but actually got a call the next day.



**SADDLE UP:** Geoff Bell, left, starred in War Horse

"In one of my scenes, I had to catch the horse and slap him, which was not easy. But I did a bit of improv [improvisation on the script] and told the horse to 'behave as he was in the Army now' – Spielberg obviously liked that because he double-high-fived me.

"There's no improvisation on stage – it would throw the whole play. That's another reason screen-acting is a craft all on its own."

Bell says the actor's profession is a precarious one: "I had a part in a TV show, Robinson Crusoe, lined up, so I turned down Game of Thrones, which has been a big hit. Then the job fell through, so I called Game of Thrones, but they'd already cast someone."

The sessions to be held at the Astor are a chance to pass the acting torch further down the generations, as Brian explained: "I taught Geoff – now he wants to teach in turn."

Both men are fully aware of the challenges the profession can throw up.

"The hardest thing?" said Croucher. "Getting a job."

Bell took up the theme: "Yes, and staying in it – that's staying in the film itself and not ending up on the cutting-room floor. And staying in the business, of course."

• Anyone interested in the course should phone Geoff Bell on 07813 814986.



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# Which has more diner appeal, the celebrity chef or the Scotch egg?

RICHARD Phillips gets about a bit... with a couple of swanky restaurants and a pub already boasting his name, imagine my surprise when, on my visit to his latest venture, The Windmill in Hollingbourne, there he was sat at the bar.

Service was excellent, with friendly staff eager to take our orders and answer questions – they even agreed to change the background music when the CD got a little too repetitive.

While we looked over the menu we were treated to breadsticks with a dipping sauce, which we found a nice touch, even if we were too ignorant to recognise the truffle flavour.

As there's no pub website we had arrived blind. However, had we known that the vegetarian in our number would be given the choice of just two pasta dishes for her starter and main we would have probably chosen a different venue.

To try to balance out her meal she opted to start with a bar snack of warm bread bag, which was as you'd expect, although the novelty butter left a lot to be desired. Also from the snack menu was our favourite dish of the night, Scotch egg with black pudding and piccalilli. Words simply cannot describe the wonderful taste sensation on this small platter.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



Our two proper starters were baked scallops in their shell with vegetable spaghetti (aka grated beetroot) and ginger cream sauce, which was all style and just a little substance, and Golden Cross goat's cheese with local honey mousse, which was proclaimed delicious.

For her main, our vegetarian had to resort to an uninspiring fresh pea and penne pasta from the lunch menu. She added a bit of interest by personally mixing in a side order of sautéed woodland mushrooms.

Our other mains were roast skate, pan-roasted cod and slow-braised belly of pork. All were delicious, with the skate coming out as our top dish. These were accompanied by creamed mash potato (delicious) and Kent greens (cabbage) with thyme and garlic.

Finding a little room we moved on to deserts. The Windmill 'Snickers Bar' looked stunning but proved just too much for the man of our group, as did the English strawberry trifle, which was heavenly but possibly big enough for two to share.

Plum Bakewell tart with plum ripple ice cream went down well, although the ice-cream didn't appear particularly ripply. The winner of this course, however, was the Kentish raspberry crème brûlée.

Washed down with a selection of alcoholic and soft drinks, our bill came to about £120, which we thought reasonable for four.

Our meal was definitely a good one, but the hype of a celebrity chef perhaps built up our expectations more than was necessary for a village pub, leaving us a little underwhelmed.

Would we go again? Yes, if nothing else to have another Scotch egg, or five.

**Erica Jones**

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Potash attends 14 farmers' markets, serves 120 shops from Quex Park at Birchington to the RHS Wisley shop in Guildford and serves top London hotels.

Hunt has just relaunched Plattinums Kentish Cobnuts, lightly caramelised and enrobed in an Ecuadorian plain chocolate.

Visit kentishcobnuts.com for information.

## New eatery enters the TW restaurant range

TUNBRIDGE Wells welcomes a new restaurant into the town centre, adding extra spice to the culinary competition.

The Place opened last month close to the high street and the ever-popular Pantiles; it is looking to bring more British dishes to the spa town's eatery elite.

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## Wantsum fun in the park?

### Music festival

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THE Friends of Ellington Park are gearing up for the annual Wantsum Jazz festival at the park's bandstand.

Last year's event brought together a line-up that included both jazz and rock musicians, and this term will see more of the same.

Bands already booked include Beach Babes, fronted by Steve Ansell from Hot Chocolate.

They will be followed by the Laurence Cottle Quartet. Cottle is a world-renowned musician specialising in jazz fusion.

Syd Arthur will be coming from Canterbury, while reggae specialists Trenchtown have also confirmed.

Food and drink will be available on the site, which will be open from midday to 7pm. If it rains, the trees will act as a perfect canopy.



## Britpop icon is still on scene

### Steve Cradock

**The Royal Function Rooms, Rochester**
Friday, September 21
www.thepreservationsocietypresents.com

STEVE Cradock, lead singer of 90s indie band Ocean Colour Scene, has confirmed he will be performing at The Royal Function Rooms in Rochester in September.

Cradock, who has also played alongside Paul Weller and Liam Gallagher in a number of one-off songs, will play the solo gig in front of just a couple of hundred people at the intimate venue.

Known for penning songs like Day We Caught The Train, Hundred Mile High City and The Riverboat Song, Ocean Colour Scene were among the front runners of the Britpop era, which is now enjoying a second wind.

Cradock is expected to perform new solo work and some of the old classics.

## A stand-up of real pedigree

### Jon Richardson

**Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells**
Thursday, September 6
01892 678 678

DUE to overwhelming public demand, the brilliant Jon Richardson is back on tour in 2012.

Host of Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week and team captain on 8 Out Of 10 Cats, Richardson has already bagged an Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee spot.

Just some of the stand-up's recent exploits include appearances on Have I Got News For You, Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Channel 4's Comedy Gala Live At The 02 and Never Mind The Buzzcocks.

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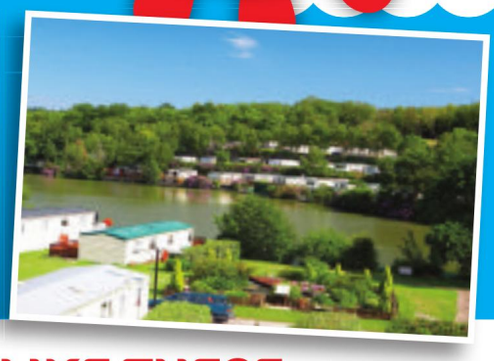
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Open seven nights a week for evening meals, Elvey has launched afternoon tea on the lawn from Wednesdays to Saturdays.

The team has started a lunch menu with a reasonably-priced table d'hôte menu.

The farm celebrates everything Kentish. Lamb comes from the sheep on a neighbouring farm; game from the fields; and fruit and veg from local suppliers. Everything is fresh, home-made and hearty.

A new team includes head chef Phillip Pearmain and sous chef Simon Maynard. Between them, they have worked at Leeds Castle, The Swan in West Malling, The Hengist in Aylesford and Michel Roux's restaurant in Parliament Square.

Together, they let their imagination run riot with the seasons, introducing exciting dishes that celebrate the surrounding countryside.

■ **Elvey Farm, Elvey Lane, Pluckley TN27 0SU (phone 01233 840442, website www.elveyfarm.co.uk)**

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**Dessert:** Meringue with berries and cream.

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**NEW IDEAS:** The Red Lion at Hernhill has opened its Kentish restaurant, keeping things local

# Red Lion roars forward with county restaurant

THE Red Lion is a picturesque 14th-century pub on the green in the small village of Hernhill, near Faversham.

Shrouded in history, the pub still contains many original features. The popular watering hole and restaurant offers a selection of traditional English food alongside the frequently-changing seasonal specials.

Facilities include an upstairs restaurant, available for dining and large functions, as well as a front patio overlooking the beautiful church and village green. There is also a well-established pub garden with many historical features and a large play area for children and families to enjoy.

The team is known for its traditional Sunday roast, at which diners can choose between one course at £10.50, two at £13.50 or three courses at £15.50.

You can choose from a selection of meats served with all the trimmings. Sunday lunch runs from noon until 8pm.

There is a busy steak night on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with good deals on offer, while there is also a pensioners' special every Wednesday lunchtime.

The à la carte menu is served daily from Monday through to Saturday from noon to 2.30pm and 6pm-9pm.

The team has now also opened a Kentish-themed restaurant upstairs featuring only county-produced ingredients.

Linked to the Produced in Kent team, The Red Lion uses produce like Biddenden cider and Romney Marsh lamb.

Look out for the music festival on Monday, August 27, offering live bands along with a hog roast and curry and doughnut stands.

There are also varied events for everyone, including yoga classes every Monday evening from 8.30pm.

■ **The Red Lion, Church Hill, Hernhill, Faversham ME13 9JR (phone 01227 751207, website www.theredlion.org, email enquiries@theredlion.org)**

# Boutique café added to Mama's empire

MAMA Feelgoods, the popular deli café and fine-food store at Bekesbourne, has opened a new boutique café at Quex Park, Birchington.

The new café offers delicious, home-cooked breakfasts, lunches and afternoon teas inside the grand dining room or outside on the patio, which sits in Quex's beautiful grounds.

Go for a refreshingly-rich cup of coffee and you'll find one of the scrumptious cakes difficult to resist.

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The Mama Feelgoods store in Bekesbourne specialises in great-quality local food that won it a gong at the 2012 Taste of Kent awards.




Freshly-baked bread and cakes, wine, beer and cider, free-range meat and eggs and seasonal fruit and vegetables are all available.

There is also a speciality cheese counter, Italian meats, antipasti and olives, loose chocolates and other confectionary, alonng with art and hand-crafted gifts.

The store has a vast selection of utensils and merchandise for cake-craft fans.

Just some of the meals available include tiger prawns in a chilli-and-garlic butter sauce; antipasti platter with a selection of Italian meats served with blush tomatoes, olives, baby stuffed peppers and warm breads with balsamic and olive oil; and Ellie's goat's cheese salad with ripe tomatoes, red onion, rocket and baby leaf salad.

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## Fights in tights
## Mark Haskins is ring-ready

**White Oak Leisure Centre, Swanley**
Saturday, September 15
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THE UK franchise of International Pro Wrestling heads to White Oak Leisure Centre in Swanley next month with its jewel in the crown Mark Haskins ready to fight.

TNA star Haskins will be on the bill, as will be the title fight between IPW:UK champion Sha Samuels and Leroy Kincaide, left, best known for winning Sky One's Britain's Hardest competition.

There will no doubt be a buzz about the show once again as Haskins performs following his pay-per-view appearance on an American wrestling show to a worldwide audience.

Tickets start from £9, with family offers available. For more information, visit www.ipwuk.com.

## Fifties fun day
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**Penshurst Place, near Tonbridge**
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Get practising your best radio voice as you can even star in your own old-style broadcast. There will be retro craft activities and games thoughout both days and, of course, the new maize maze (open from 10am daily) and stunning views of Penshurst.

Last entry is 5pm. Visit www.penshurstplace.com for more information.



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**Pegwell Bay Hotel, Ramsgate**
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## Banquet event with...
## Kaddy Lee-Preston

**Salmestone Grange, Margate**
Saturday, September 1, at 7.30pm
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FORMER BBC weather presenter Kaddy Lee-Preston is headlining a Salmestone Grange evening of food and fun as guest speaker.

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After the meal, there will be time for autographs and photographs with the former presenter.

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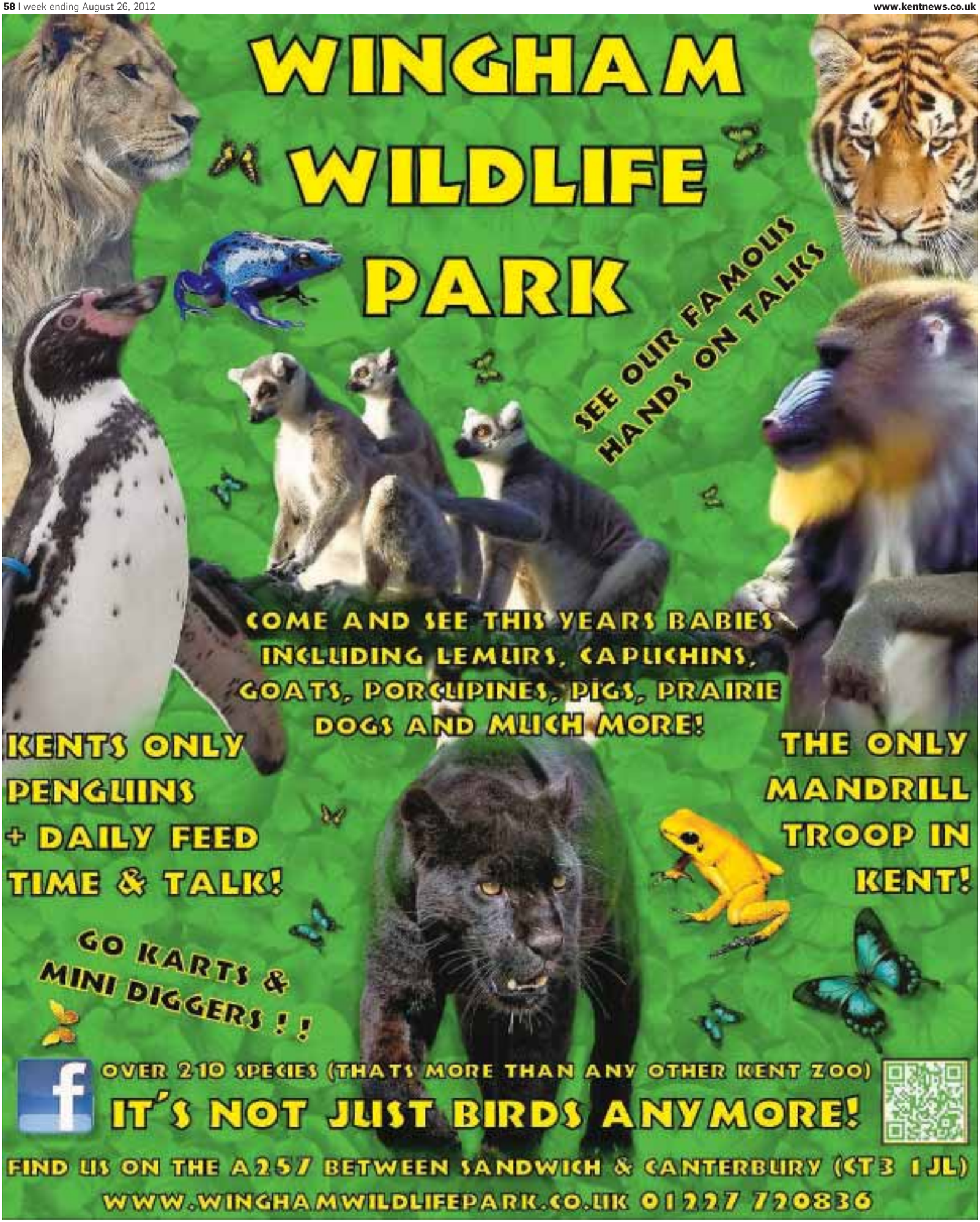



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# Life's a beach with these stunning new homes

THE Folkestone branch of Ward & Partners has launched a development of three contrasting apartments in the seaside village of Sandgate.

Located on the high street, just yards from the beach, the apartments have been created from a former shop in one of the most popular small communities along the Kent coast for property investment.

Currently, there are three beachside homes all for sale priced at more than one million pounds. Three other homes in the area on the market are valued at between £700,000 and £925,000.

But the Ward & Partners properties are nowhere near that price.

The new development consists of three unique living environments spread over four floors, two with the added benefit of sea views, with luxury ceramic-floored fitted kitchens and bath or shower rooms.

Occupying the original ground- and lower-ground-floor shop premises, apartment one offers two bedrooms, a spacious open-plan kitchen/living area flooded with light from its feature windows and a private courtyard. The guide price is £150-£170,000.

Ideal as a first home or a weekend retreat, apartment two on the first floor features a single bedroom with sea views and an open-plan kitchen/living area, at £100,000-£115,000.

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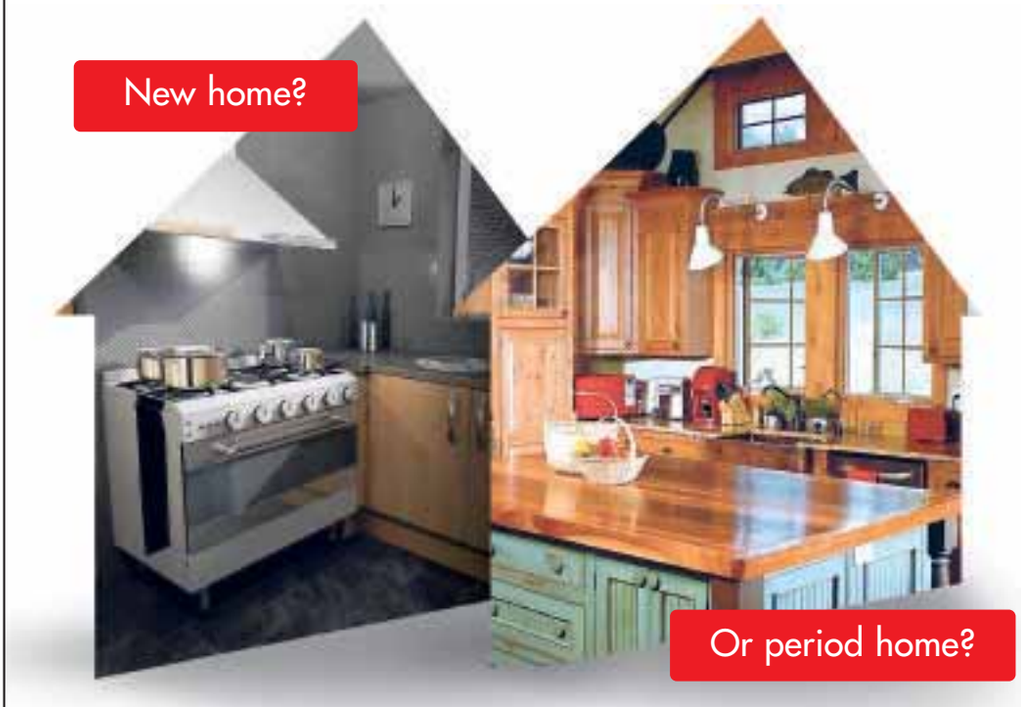
All three apartments are offered with the added benefit of the potential to acquire a share of the freehold in return for a nominal fee.



Around the site are a number of prestigious properties, many of them with balconies and direct access to the seafront.

The village of Sandgate has a rich range of restaurants, including a new steakhouse, a Mediterranean-style bistro, a Mexican and an American diner. It also has a number of superb pubs and is within easy reach of Folkestone, which has a high-speed train service to London.

The shingle beach is popular and there are woodland trails through the hills behind the houses and shops.


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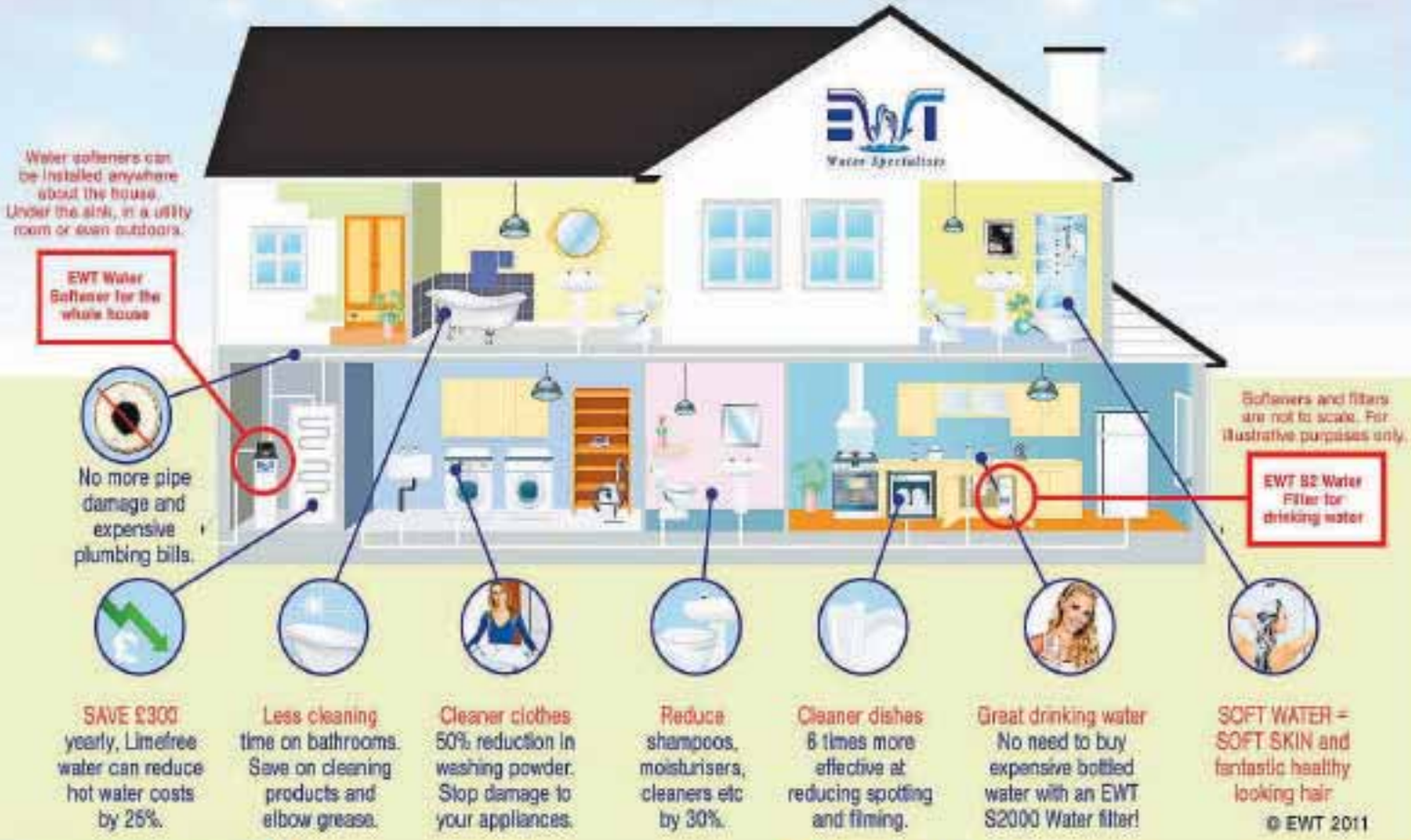
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**VAUXHALL MOKKA**

**Price:** £16,995
**Driving appeal:** Not yet driven
**Image:** ★★★★
**Space:** ★★★★
**Value:** ★★★★
**Running costs:** ★★★★
**Reliability:** ★★★★★
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**Best rival:** Nissan Qashqui

# The General's twin strike on Nissan's crossover domination

NISSAN'S domination of the trendy crossover sector it identified with the Qashqai is about to meet a double challenge from General Motors.

Sister brands Vauxhall and Chevrolet will each launch sharply-styled rivals to Nissan's champion and the likes of Skoda's impressive Yeti.

Vauxhall, in particular, will hope for more success with its new Mokka than it enjoyed with the slightly larger Antara SUV, which probably suffered most from the fact that Chevrolet offered the similar Captiva for less cash and up to seven seats.

Hopefully, the two brands' marketing people are having a more harmonious chat this time to ensure Chevy's new Trax does not put the mockers on its Vauxhall sister.

Both cars are versatile five-seaters with lots of stowage and available, like the Qashqai and Yeti, with either front-wheel-drive or 4x4.

The Mokka is available to order now from £16,995, with Vauxhall trumpeting generous levels of standard kit, including digital radio, air-con and cruise control. Interestingly, one of the engine options on both the Mokka and Trax is a lively 140PS (139bhp) 1.4-litre turbo petrol unit and comes with four-wheel-drive as standard, but diesels are also offered.

As ever with cars having a 'funky chunky' look and full 4x4 option, though, you can be sure few will ever meet really difficult conditions. Rather than rural roughing it, they will usually be posing on city streets and have the styling to carry that off.

Nevertheless, both cars have a high-set look, with creditable ground clearance and hill-descent control available; this does what it says on the tin when the car faces treacherous downhill surfaces.

For those owners who really might do more outward-bound stuff, the Mokka is also offered with Vauxhall's latest-generation FlexFix rear bicycle carrier. This is fully integrated into the rear bumper and slides out like a drawer to accept up to three bicycles while still allowing easy access to the tailgate/cargo area.

For everyday use, though, Vauxhall reckons it has a winner, having had the chassis tuned specifically for UK roads and opting for the latest speed-sensitive electric steering. The car is expected in showrooms for November.

The Trax will be a little later – the car isn't aired in public until next month's Paris Motor Show – and prices are under wraps, but it's reasonable to expect that it will undercut the Mokka in price at the cost of a more everyday interior in keeping with Chevy's status as a value brand against Vauxhall's mainstream proposition.

Though built in Korea, the Trax will be able to evoke Chevrolet's US heritage and the brand is already trotting out its traditional claim to have pioneered the SUV in 1935 with the Suburban Carryall. More snappily named, the Trax should uphold that tradition.





**MAKING A STAND:** Two new models from General Motors, the Mokka from Vauxhall and Chevrolet's Trax, far left, hope to attack Nissan's hold on the trendy crossover sector, where the Japanese carmaker rules the roost with the Qashqui

**DON'T LIKE**

... how long it has taken the GM brands to respond to Nissan and others, especially as Chevrolet claims to have a lot of SUV heritage.

**NOT SURE**

... the GM sisters will still be able to get after the Qashqai, which remains a superb product with a seemingly unassailable sector lead.

**REALLY LIKE**

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# The bug is back – new Beetle promises to be 'the car for you'

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VOLKSWAGEN'S 1999 revival of the classic Beetle shape sparked a retro trend that created two huge hits, the BMW Mini and Fiat 500.

But the so-called New Beetle never quite hit the spot with half the population – with a flower vase on the dashboard, it's not hard to work out why.

But seeing BMW and Fiat do so well with their retro stars, you couldn't see VW ending the Beetle story there, so a new-generation car arrived this year and it's more of a crowd-pleaser.

Longer, wider and lower, it apes the classic Beetle far more than its cartoon predecessor but also manages to be more of a coupé, the low-slung effect amplified by detailing on the door sills that evokes the running boards on the original.

In case you doubt its sporting pretensions, there is also a big spoiler on the arched tail. Screw your eyes up and you could be looking at one of those early Porsches to which the Beetle design was related.

You can also dress the new Beetle pretty much to your own taste with a Mini/500-style customisation catalogue that the Beetle blurb sums up neatly with the line "Once upon a time it was the car for everybody. Today it's the car for you".

The test car was quite restrained, although its bright red paintwork and that shape was quite enough to draw lots of attention during a weekend away in the car.

The inside is no less arresting, with a colour-coded plastic highlighting across the dashboard and doors and including a glovebox, all designed to echo the original car.

There are also grab-straps on the door pillars, designed to perform the same function.

However, this detailing does also highlight the car's weakness: a lack of build quality in certain areas. In the test car this showed in the temperamental front seat back-releases for access to the rear seats, a similarly flaky release for that retro glovebox and a split mounting for one of the grab-straps.

I'm not impressed by the elasticated door pocket straps, either. Retro they may be, but it's too easy to stuff something in the pocket, only to see it exit through the gap below the strap.

The Beetle is produced in Mexico and I wonder if such issues would be tolerated if the car were made in Germany.

That said, VW will surely hunt down such issues and the Beetle will be a hit, even more so when the eagerly-awaited convertible arrives to maintain another illustrious tradition.

On the road, the car does underline its Golf underpinnings, although it feels a little softer and less sharp in the handling department, possibly due to the fact that this is more a world car than a car designed specifically for the UK and Europe.

There is a whole range of petrol and diesel engines to suit all tastes, but I liked the test car's turbocharged 159bhp 1.4 petrol unit, which offers a good blend of performance and economy – I averaged close to 40mpg without trying too hard.

The Beetle cabin is more practical this time; rear headroom is still naturally restricted by the swooping roofline, but it doesn't feel claustrophobic, even if it is a four-seater. There's decent legroom, too, and all the seats are comfortable.

I also liked the optional Fender sound system fitted to the test car, something of a luxury perhaps at £500 when the standard kit is probably fine enough, but just the job for a bit of retro rock, especially as the door speakers provide a light show for accompaniment.

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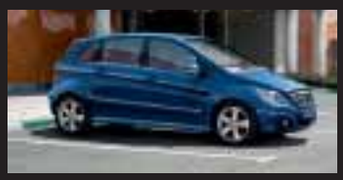
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# Chrysler deplores Delta force

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BRITISH buyers of Chryslers all had one big thing in common – they wanted a taste of something different with a hefty American splash of ketchup.

But the products themselves were all a bit different from each other, too, and few were actually any good. The best of the bunch were the capacious Voyager MPVs, dramatic 300C saloon and clever hot-rod-styled PT Cruiser.

So, the writing was on the wall for the brand – in the UK and globally – and Chrysler went bust.

But this great US brand rose from the ashes, as it has done before, and is now part of Italy's Fiat – a brand that has defied adversity, too.

In seeking to rebuild its UK fanbase, though, Chrysler has a problem: the top end of the range still offers Americana in the shape of the Grand Voyager and newgeneration 300C, but there's more pasta sauce than ketchup at the lower end.

Fiat also owns Lancia, a brand withdrawn from the UK in 1994 after humiliating rust and reliability problems and with no prospect of a return under that name.

However, two Lancias are back, rebadged as Chryslers; a slight change of grille is all that differs from Lancia Delta and Ypsilon models sold across continental Europe.

That said, the Chrysler Delta (from £16,700) tested here is closer to what a 'Yankophile' car-buyer would expect than Fiat's other family hatchback equivalents – the closely-related Fiat Bravo and Alfa Romeo Giulietta.

The Delta's chassis is set up more for comfort and, despite its Italian origins, the styling does somehow look more transatlantic than best-selling family hatch stars like the VW Golf, Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra.

It's also a spacious and apparently luxurious car, with a big boot and loads of head and leg-room for those in the back.

As a bonus, 60:40 split back seats can be slid back and forwards independently to vary leg-room and boot space, while the seat backs can also be reclined slightly.

Surprisingly, though, the seats are on the firm side and you feel that you are perched on them rather than nestling in comfort. Nor do the rear ones fold to create a flat load floor.

And the luxury objective of the car is lost up front, where dashboard fixtures and fittings are embellished with silvered plastic rather than quality brushed alloys, which even mainstream brands like Vauxhall use so well.

The test car's 120PS (119bhp) 1.6-litre diesel engine is an impressive all-rounder, though – smooth with good pulling power and delivering an official combined fuel consumption of 60mpg. Two petrol and one other diesel engine options are also offered.

Delta drivers won't throw the car around too much – it rides softly, even if it is not immune to occasional crashes and bangs on our badly-maintained roads, and tends to sag on the corners.

Nevertheless, the Delta is a well-specified and priced five-door hatchback that may appeal to those who want something different from the norm in a crowded market sector.


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**A CLASS ACT:** Ford continues to dominate UK car registrations, despite the market's ups and downs – the Focus is currently No 3 in the sales top 10

# New Registration '12

# Turning the corner?

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BRITAIN'S economy may be in the doldrums, but demand for new cars remains buoyant.

And industry-watchers are now confidently forecasting that this year's final figure will exceed 2011's better-than-expected 1.94 million registrations.

According to figures from motor-industry mouthpiece the SMMT (Society of Motors Manufacturers and Traders), the market is currently 5 per cent ahead of forecasts, with much of the growth driven by private buyers – normally the most cautious section of the market.

Private volumes rose 8.7 per cent over the first half of this year and touched almost 10 per cent in June.

Meanwhile, the big-buying fleet-sector volumes have remained on a par with last year, while business demand has fallen.

Of the vehicle types, alternatively-fuelled cars – electric and hybrid – are catching the eye with a near-50 per cent rise in sales for June. Diesels were also up, now taking more than half the overall UK car market.

SMMT chief executive Paul Everitt said: "Driven by demand from private buyers, June new-car registrations grew 3.5 per cent to push 2012 half-year volumes through the one-million mark.

"Despite domestic and international economic concerns, UK motorists are responding positively to new products and the latest fuel-efficient technology.

"The industry has performed better than expected in the first half of the year and we will now need to work hard to sustain growth."

The technology point was exactly what Everitt predicted at the start of the year; its savings have clearly caught the imagination of buyers, while there is also low-rate finance, dealer/manufacturer insurance deals and a lack of growth from savings that buyers might otherwise leave in the bank.

But don't let enthusiasm cloud your judgement: shop around and get a realistic valuation on your old car, too; used-car values are buoyant due to the lower number of new cars sold since the recession hit in 2007, meaning fewer used cars in circulation now to soak up demand from that sector.

There are also outstanding warranties available, such as Kia's seven-year/100,000-mile package and Hyundai's five-year/unlimited-mileage deal, while servicing deals can be very cost-effective – so be sure to ask about those.




**CASHING IN:** Warranties are becoming important to private buyers – Kia offers an industry-leading seven years/100,000 miles on models like the Sportage

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MARKET NUMBER ONE: The Ford Fiesta shows that the market wind is with superminis

# Small wonders lead the way

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THINKING small continues to influence buyers' new-car choice; the once-dominant family-saloon/company-car sector of 20 years ago has been ousted first by the family hatchback and now the supermini.

Soaring fuel and insurance costs and greater environmental awareness have been key factors, but Government pressure through punitive road tax on larger cars, plus ever more stylish superminis, have delivered a combined 40 per cent market share to superminis and the even smaller city-car segment.

Family hatchbacks are still the No 2 choice, with some 25 per cent of registrations.

It might not be long, though, before family hatchbacks are under threat, too, from the new kid on the block, the crossover.

As the name implies, this straddles several sectors by being part family hatch, part MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or people-carrier, and part SUV (sports utility vehicle) – cars like the Nissan Qashqai, Hyundai ix35 and Kia Sportage.

In the meantime, registration figures so far this year from the motor-industry mouthpiece, the SMMT, show how superminis (S) and family hatchbacks (H) still rule the UK top 10:

1 Ford Fiesta (S)
2 Vauxhall Corsa (S)
3 Ford Focus (H)
4 VW Golf (H)
5 Vauxhall Astra (H)
6 Nissan Qashqai
7 BMW 3-Series
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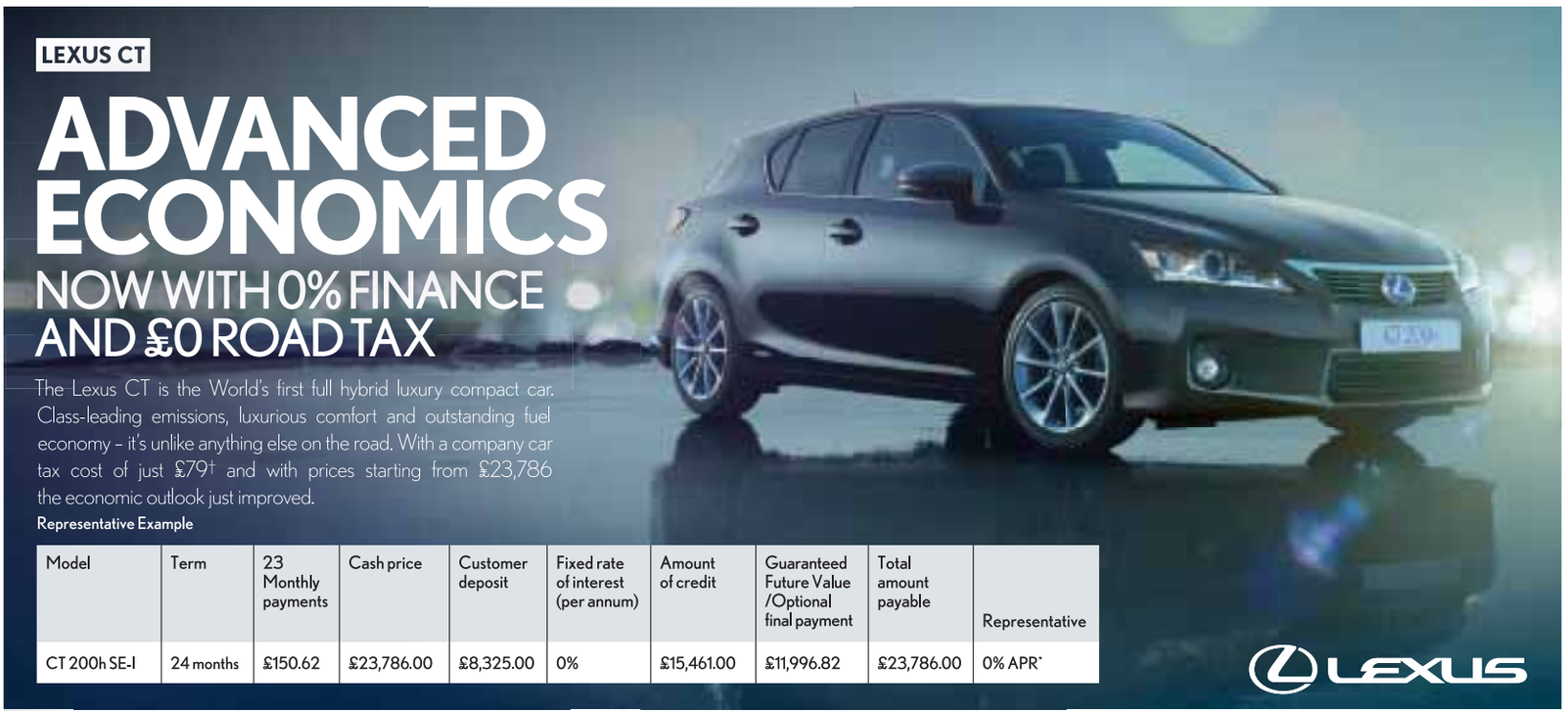
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**PREMIUM HYBRID:** The all-new Lexus GS450h executive hybrid offers sporting performance with a conscience

**ECO FAMILY:** Toyota has just extended its hybrid sub-brand by adding the seven-seat Prius+, right



# Big savings all round when going green

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IT'S not quite as it was meant to be, but eco cars are now attracting attention as much for their relief of the wallet as for saving the planet.

Many new models not only help to offset ever-rising fuel bills but also lower or even remove road-tax bills altogether. The latest tax bandings range from zero for cars with the lowest $CO_2$ emissions (below 100g/km) right up to £950 a year for gas-guzzling limos or 4x4s.

Of course, anyone spending £50,000-£100,000 on a car won't worry about small change like that, but most people like saving a few quid on their fuel and tax while also doing their bit for the environment.

Longer term, electric cars may be the answer and there has been much publicity about 'plug-in' models for overnight charging at home or city-centre charging points.

But battery technology must catch up and the zero-emissions argument for electric is misleading. Until we have zero-emission power stations, electric cars simply transfer the $CO_2$ and noxious gas output from exhaust pipe to belching chimney. Production of hydrogen to power our cars raises a similar dilemma.

Are hybrids the answer, then? Japanese giants Toyota and Honda lead here, pairing conventional engines with electric power and batteries, and the former has now launched a plug-in version of its successful Prius.

This can run up to 15 miles on a 90-minute electricity charge before reverting to its normal petrol-electric hybrid system. There's also the new seven-seat Prius+ for eco-conscious families... a marvel of space packaging.

But hybrids tend to be dearer upfront, so the internal combustion engine still has a part to play now that its emissions are plummeting, economy soaring and refinement improving.

In fact, things are moving so fast that you marvel at what some legislative prods have achieved.

Downsizing is well under way, too, with many new cars, such as the new Skoda city car, the Citigo, proving that small is beautiful.

Most carmakers also now have an 'eco' sub-brand – Hyundai offers Blue Drive and Kia markets the Ecodynamics range.

Some aren't cheap, so weigh potential long-term savings against upfront cost – if you don't cover enough miles to make the fuel savings offset the car's purchase price, conventional alternatives may be a better bet.

Don't ignore petrol models, either; the higher price of diesels and the fuel at the pumps must be compared with new small-capacity low-emission/consumption yet lively turbocharged petrol engines.


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# Crack the colour code

THINK and think again when choosing the colour or added bling for your new '62 reg motor – so say the experts.

You may want to sell at some stage and, like the colours of those hideous 1970s bathroom suites, might find that 'acid green' and 'latte brown' is not to everyone's taste.

Some wild colours can suit certain cars, though: Seat has used red, blue, yellow and white to great effect on its sporty little numbers, while Honda has also been adventurous with red and yellow on its Civic and Jazz models.

And playing safe can be a turn-off to some buyers, too, so here is a colour league table from the SMMT – the motor trade body – plus some pros and cons:

1) Black (24.7 per cent) is the perennial favourite but looks dirty quickly and shows little scratches or the swirling effect left by over-use of mechanical car-washes.
2) Silver (21.4) is still riding high and hides scratches and car-wash abrasion well but is increasingly seen as the boring or safe option.
3) Blue (16.5) is conservative yet smart, but very dark blue is best avoided.
4) Grey metallic (14.4) – more assertive and upmarket than silver?
5) Red (10.2) had fallen away due to a tendency to go pinker with age, but better finishes and use on sportier models has helped stabilise figures.
6) White (10) has shot back up the charts; it's usually a no-cost option with mainstream marques, but expect a hefty premium with the fancy ones. It also handles wear and tear well and reflects the heat.

**Also-rans:** Green (1.1), beige (0.9), yellow (0.4) and brown (0.4).




**AND HERE IS THE HUES:** Red suits sporty models like the Mercedes-Benz C-Class Coupé, left, while white looks classy on this upmarket Citroën DS5, below left, but black or dark metallic is still a top choice – seen here on Kia's smart new Ceed hatchback, right










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**IN TUNE:** Honda's Jazz supermini MPV comes as a hybrid, pictured, or petrol model – you need to do your sums to decide which is best for you

# Important dos and don'ts before buying a new car

**Don't...** accept the first deal on offer – be ready to haggle.

**Don't...** be afraid to ask for trimmings like a tank of fuel, car mats or further discounts or extras.

**Don't...** fall for what seems like a big bargain before you even haggle. It could be an unpopular engine or trim combination or a car on 'run-out' where production ceased a while ago – it might be just as thirsty as your old car and will depreciate badly.

**Do...** pick a model that saves fuel, insurance, road tax and depreciation – it isn't getting any easier out there.

**Don't...** be blinded by road-tax-exempt but expensive eco models – check price, running costs, green credentials and the savings over your planned mileage versus years of ownership, then compare against the closest standard version. The savings to be made on the standard car may surprise you.

**Don't...** assume that diesel will save – you usually pay more upfront, so you need to do a lot of miles to claw that money back in fuel economy, and the engines are generally heavier, which means more wear on front tyres and mechanicals. The fuel is also dearer at the pumps, while economy and emissions on small petrol cars have improved and they are often nicer to drive. In short – do your sums.

# Rain gives way for sunny end to the biking season?

ABOVE-AVERAGE rainfall may have caused a misfire in the summer riding season, but the signs are good for some sunshine ahead of the winter months.

Would-be customers will also brighten up when they hear dealers are more ready than usual to do business after such a lean year.

Registration figures from the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) also show an impressive 15 per cent rise in scooter sales for the first half of 2012, indicating there are some new people discovering the joys and the transport benefits of two-wheelers.

The 'adventure sport' category, exemplified by machines like Suzuki V-Strom 650ABS, pictured, was also robust, with a 32 per cent growth factor over the same period and going some way to offset decline in other big-bike categories.

Retro machines still hold appeal with buyers and that prompted Suzuki to launch a new limited run of its SFV650 Gladius, with a retro- inspired red, black and yellow paint scheme that gives the popular 650cc naked middleweight a classic Grand Prix look.



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RIDE ON: The Chinese bargain-price Great Wall Steed will be big hit in pick-up sector

## Pick up a bargain

TAX anomalies have made a huge success out of chunky pick-up trucks over the past 15 years.

These workhorses, usually from the Far East but inspired by the Marlboro Man imagery of American cowboy country, have displaced much of the farm and building-site business once catered for by the original Land Rover and also found a new class of private buyer who simply wants something big, butch and different.

The appeal is helped by big tax savings when you buy, which makes the newest model in the sector look like a steal; the Chinese-built Great Wall Steed starts at just £13,998 after tax deductions and, like most rivals, comes with lots of extras and comforts as well as four-wheel-drive.

# Cab view changing for 'man with van'

**By Steve Loader**

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WHITE-van-man and his boss have had their world transformed within a decade.

Operators have seen economy, efficiency and flexibility soar, while drivers now get better performance, refinement and safety.

Initially, this benefited car-derived models only and included air-con and a decent sound system, but the philosophy has since migrated to larger vans.

The range of van capacities has also widened, varying from as little as three cubic metres for a car-derived hatchback for courier work or use as a company runabout up to a 17 cubic-metre delivery van.

Access has improved, too. Many larger vans have low floors in the driving compartment for easy access and most vehicles above the supermini class now come with at least one sliding door as standard to aid loading – many buyers take the option of a second 'slider'.



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At the back, there is usually a choice of side-opening twin rear doors or a high-lift tailgate, while cab doors generally have a reduced opening angle, making it easy for a busy driver to grab the handle to close the door and also avoid it swinging wide and hitting something.

And petrol-driven vans have been displaced by the better economy, range and low-down pulling power of diesels.

Extended service periods, lower maintenance costs and longer-lasting parts then compound diesel-operating benefits.

Gearboxes have also changed; a six-speed manual gearbox is the standard – two cogs better than only a few years ago – but urban operators are turning increasingly to automatic, semi-automatic or clutchless transmissions. These can usually be driven with manual selection anyway but are ideal in stop-start urban traffic and can be as economical as a manual.

With better engines and gearboxes and weight-saving building techniques, vans are also following the car sector once more by becoming greener and kinder to the environment.







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RUGBY LEAGUE

# It's England against France but not as you know it as new sport sees boom

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THE World Cup could be coming to Kent... the Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup, that is.

Although the running version of the game is still in its infancy in the South, the wheelchair version is taking off in a big way with the Medway Dragons side, based in Gillingham.

The Dragons are nearing the end of their second season of fielding a wheelchair team, which is open to disabled and able-bodied people (all must use a wheelchair during the game).

Among the coaches are two who are involved in England's wheelchair side: coach Martin Coyd and assistant coach Mark Roughsedge, as well as a number of international players.

They have secured one of the biggest matches in the game's history, England v France, which takes place at their home Medway Park this Bank Holiday Monday.

If they put on a show and sell out the 500-capacity crowd, it could be enough to secure the organisers of the 2013 World Cup to bring it to Gillingham, which would be a massive coup.

The tournament, which takes place in the autumn, would include teams from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, England, France and, most surprisingly, Malta.

Roughsedge said everyone at the club was more than excited about the fixture on Monday.

"It's a massive game – everyone is excited about the Test match, and in terms of preparation for the 2013 World Cup it's huge," he said. "It will be inspiring for anyone coming to watch.

"There are a number of venues [for the World Cup] on the RFL's radar and this is one of them. If we put on a great Test match with a good crowd, there is every chance we could get it."

It has been a big learning curve for the club, which as a whole has only been together for five years. Such is the newness of the sport that they have no rivals or close matches – their closest away game is at Featherstone in Yorkshire.

For anyone getting confused as to how the wheelchair version of the game is played, it is exactly the same – and nothing like wheelchair rugby, or 'murderball', as it's often called.

"It's massively different – it's a really good game, but there's no relationship between rugby league and murderball," said Roughsedge. "Murderball uses a round ball that you can pass in any direction – there are no real similarities.

"It's remarkably similar to the running game of rugby league. I don't think there is another disabled sport that's as true to its original game as rugby league – there is a lot of crossover. In terms of ball work and tactics, it's the same."

One of the reasons for the sport's boom in popularity is the fact that England won the last World Cup in 2008.

Joe Coyd plays for the Medway Dragons running side, but now the 14-year-old plays for England's wheelchair team as well, having taken up the game after a trial.

"I didn't even know there was wheelchair rugby league until two weeks before the trial I had two years ago," he said. "Rugby league is not known down here very well, but bringing the wheelchair game will boost the numbers."

•For more information, visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/medwaydragons.

Picture: PAUL JERREAT



**FUTURE:** Medway Dragons Wheelchair Rugby League Club is based at Gillingham's Medway Park

## 'FOREIGN CONCEPT' OPENS EYES OF REPORTER

After hearing about the idea of wheelchair rugby league, sports reporter **Greg Miles**, pictured below, went along to find out what it is all about...

AS a traditional Southerner, the idea of rugby league is a completely foreign concept to me, as is sitting in a wheelchair.

But putting the two together has opened up a whole new world I never thought I'd enjoy.

I gave up rugby union in my early teenage years after getting cold and bored stood out on the wing – and generally battered when I did get the ball.

And although there is contact with the odd tipping of wheelchairs, and potential for broken fingers, it's a relatively safe game played by kids more than half my age. I couldn't help but feel like a 10-year-old again whizzing around the sports hall trying out all the manoeuvres, but of course there is a competitive side to it all.



I was fairly naive about the rules of the game, but it's simple – they're the same as the running game bar a few changes.

A tackle is replaced by the stealing of a velcro tag on each shoulder, and instead of rolling the ball backwards between your legs after each tackle, you tap it off your wheel before passing on. There are no kick-offs – instead there are tee-offs as you thump the ball off a plastic tee for starts and conversions.

•The Medway Dragons will be playing Halifax at 5pm before the main event of England v France at 7pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for concessions and are available from Medway Park, Medway Dragons or on the door.

Picture: ONEDITION



**GOLD?** Ben Quilter has high hopes of top medal

JUDO

# Paralympic medal hopeful Quilter not phased by gold talk as he looks to inspire a new generation

PARALYMPIC-GOLD hopeful Ben Quilter is hoping the Games will inspire a new generation of athletes to get involved with the home of British judo in Dartford.

Quilter finished fifth at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008, but since then his career has really taken off. He won European silver in 2009 and followed it with golds at the 2010 world championships, the 2011 world games and the 2011 Europeans, so it's no surprise he has lost just one fight in the last three years.

A gold medal is a realistic expectation for the 30-year-old, who is hoping to deliver just that and inspire a generation to take up the sport he loves.

"The Olympics saw a real boost in numbers in general in participation," he said. "Dartford has got the most amazing facilities, but it doesn't get the numbers through the door. I hope we can see a new generation at Dartford."

Quilter, who is originally from Brighton but has lived in Dartford for the last five years, fights in the 60kg category.

He says he is happy with how training has been going and doesn't feel any pressure except that that he puts on himself.

"Training's going very well," he said. "A lot of the hard work's done now, although it's always pretty intensive.

"The team have been training for four to six hours a day. We go into the Olympic village on Monday and the whole judo competition takes place on Thursday.

"I'm seeded No 1 because I'm effectively unbeaten since 2009. I suppose that does put the pressure on, but the pressure is on at every tournament anyway.

"My goal is to perform well – to win a medal. If I perform well, the gold is possible. But every judo tournament is different – it's hard to predict. We are all just desperate to get on with it now."

Quilter's Paralympics will all be over on the first day of action on Thursday, the same day that the majority of Kent's athletes start theirs.

•They include table-tennis duo Will Bayley from Tunbridge Wells and Ross Wilson from Sheppey. Bayley is in action at 5.20pm, while Wilson plays at either 9am or 6pm.

•Richard Hennahane, from Chatham, takes part in the archery starting at 10am.

•Richard Dobell, from Beckenham; Claire Harvey, from Ashford; and Netra Rana, from Folkestone, are in the men's and women's sitting-volleyball teams, which start competition on Thursday and Friday.

•Nathan Milgate, from Canterbury, starts his Paralympics in the shooting on Friday.

•The captain of Team GB's wheelchair rugby side, Steve Brown, who is from Sittingbourne, will have to wait until the final week, when the game dubbed 'murderball' starts on Thursday, September 4.

ROWING

# Mitchell passess double test as he makes GB bow

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IF there wasn't already enough pressure on young rower Ryan Mitchell ahead of his debut for Great Britain in the World Junior Championships, the 18-year-old had his A-level results to think about on the opening day of the competition.

The former Oakwood Boys School student had to wait until after his first race in the pairs on the world stage in Bulgaria to find out his results, phoned through by his parents back home in Bearsted, and he wasn't disappointed with two As and two A*s.

It capped a frenetic few months for the Maidstone Invicta Rower, who won his place in the GB side through trials earlier this summer before embarking on a month of training with his new crew-member Elliott Tarrant.

He even fitted in the pairs Olympic final at Eton Dorney, where he watched GB's George Nash and William Satch pick up bronze medals. And while he couldn't replicate that success in his own competition, he was proud to come back having been placed 14th in the world.

"The final trials was probably the hardest five days of my life, but the end result and the opportunity to race on the world stage has been so rewarding," he said.

"I would like to have achieved a higher placing, but we raced as hard as we could every race and I don't think that anyone could have asked us to work any harder. It was quite overwhelming – you had to try to take it all in. It was a similar set-up to the Olympics but not quite as many people."



**DEBUT:** Maidstone Invicta rower Ryan Mitchell, back, raced in the World Junior Championships

Mitchell, who will be going to university in Bristol, is now too old to compete in the youth competitions and has set his sights on the under-23 age group; his next event is the Youth Olympics Festival in Australia in January.

He feels he may be too young to compete in the 2016 Olympics, when he'll be 22, but a quick age check of bronze-medallists Nash, 22, and Satch, 23, should prove enough inspiration.

"I haven't thought about it, really. I will still be quite young," he said. "Rowers don't normally peak until their mid to late twenties."

POWERBOATS

## Two-day powerboat festival set for Folkestone harbour

FANS of watersports are in for a treat next weekend as Folkestone gets set to host the British Powerboat Championships.

It will be the second successive year that the harbour and the Warren will be home to the 80mph craft, this year's event taking place next Saturday and Sunday.

It's hoped that it will become a permanent fixture at the venue, having failed to do so in the early 1990s, when it was held for one year.

Last year's event threw up a few complaints from spectators who failed to watch the best of the action, and organisers are pointing people to the North Harbour Arm, Sandy Beach and the headland overlooking Copt rocks as the best places to catch the action.

Before and after racing, the boats will be craned into the dry pits on South Quay and visitors can meet the drivers and get close to the boats.

Some boats to look out for are 2-926, the orange and white ex-world-championship-winning batboat of the Jackson brothers from Hampshire and B28 'Pirates Cave' driven by Kent's Sharon and Stuart Atlee, who came fourth in the 2011 world championship.



**ACTION:** Boats go up to 80mph

There is also a local newcomer team of Kevin Edmondson and Annika Hawthorne, from Chartham Hatch, in their Phantom 16 'Sea Fever'.

The 3.5-mile racecourse extends from two buoys outside the harbour to two turn marks in East Wear Bay. There will be two races on Saturday, one at midday and another at 12.30pm, and one main race at 1pm on Sunday, lasting about an hour.

FOOTBALL

## Team spirit is the key for new defender Barrett

ADAM Barrett feels Gillingham can go all the way to promotion if they can keep up their strong team spirit.

The 32-year-old defender signed a one-year deal at Priestfield with the option for a further 12 months last week, bringing to an end his year's stay at Bournemouth.

The former Southend United stalwart made an assured debut in the 1-0 win at Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday.

"We've got a good bunch of lads here who graft for one other. If we keep that spirit we can have a successful season," he told BBC Radio Kent. "There'll be blips along the way, but if you have that fight and determination you give yourselves half a chance.

"We don't want to get carried away, but if we keep showing that attitude and desire we won't be far short."

He pointed to the ambition shown by manager Martin Allen as one of the reasons he joined the club.

"It's a strong squad and there are hungry players all over the pitch. There seems to be a real togetherness. It's a club that's ambitious and looking to go somewhere.



**AMBITION:** Barrett impressed

"I felt at Gillingham, with Martin coming in and seeing the players they've got here, that it's a club that really want promotion. To be around hungry players keeps you going. I've really enjoyed it so far."

FOOTBALL



**MEMORIES:** Cochrane played for both clubs

## Gills can capitalise on rebuilding process at Boro, says Cochrane

GILLS favourite Terry Cochrane believes his former side can steal a win over a Middlesbrough team in transition in the second round of the Capital One Cup on Tuesday.

Cochrane, who played at Priestfield from 1983-1986 after arriving from Boro, where he had spent the previous five years, feels the confidence in Martin Allen's squad can see them into the third round for the first time in seven years.

But Cochrane, who made more than 100 appearances for both clubs, knows it's a tough task as expectations are high in the North East, where the former Northern Ireland international lives.

"Gillingham have started off really well – he [Martin Allen] must have got them playing," he said.

"Middlesbrough are going through a transitional phase at the moment – Mowbray has brought in a few players and is rebuilding. I think Gillingham have a good chance at home – it should be a good game.

"The cup always brings the best out of some players because they know they will be playing a new team and they have got an opportunity to beat them."

He should know, having played in a few himself, including in his debut season in Kent when Gillingham played three fourth-round ties against Everton. After two goalless draws they lost 3-0 at Priestfield.

In that same season, Gills went out 6-1 over two legs in the Milk (League) Cup to Chelsea.

Earlier in his career, Cochrane produced one of the most memorable goals the FA Cup has ever seen, with an overhead kick against Swansea City in a 5-0 win for Boro in the 1980/81 season. The footage of that goal became immortalised in the opening credits of Match of the Day the following year.

Gillingham reached this year's second round by beating Bristol City 2-1 at Ashton Gate, while Boro beat Bury 2-1.

The last time Gills went beyond this stage was in 2005, when they dumped Premier League Portsmouth out at Priestfield 3-2 in extra time thanks to an Andrew Crofts winner.

But they bowed out in the third round at Doncaster Rovers courtesy of a Paul Heffernan double in the last six minutes. The late-goal curse struck again two weeks later in the FA Cup as they went down 3-2 to non-league Burscough.

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